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Russia Assails

West's Stance

**And Warns of** 

European Rights Group

By Fred Hiatt

Wushington Port Service
MOSCOW — Russia lashed out Thurs-

day at "inadequate and hasty" criticism

from the West of its military operation in Chechnya, saying that such criticism could "destroy" the positive relations Moscow and the West have built recently.

The Foreign Ministry statement also in-

dicated that human-rights observers from

the Organization for Cooperation and Se-

curity io Europe would not be welcome until a "later phase" of Russia's operation

Russia's angry comments came as the battle in Chechnya intensified again and

more reinforcements were sent to the region, ranging from elite Interior Ministry

troops from Moscow to marines from Vladivostok in the Far East. Russian troops rolled into Chechnya on Dec. I I and since then have been fighting a

hloody and destructive war against stub-born opposition from Chechen fighters, who want independence from Russia. As civilian casualties and destruction have

mounted, Western criticism has sharpened

A U.S. State Department spokeswoman

accused Russia on Wednesday of violating international obligations with its unan-

nounced troop deployments and its attacks on civilians. Politicians in Western

Europe have issued far stronger criticisms, and the advocacy group Human Rights Watch/Helsinki accused Russian forces

Thursday of showing "utter contempt for

civilian lives,"
Grigori Karasin, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, responded that "the human tragedy and loss of life" were "practically

unavoidable," given the challenge from "illegal armed groups" in Cbechnya, a Muslim region 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) south of Moscow.

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Chechnya Intensifies

# Mexican Peso Crisis **Cools Investors' Taste** For Emerging Markets

By Alan Friedman

PARIS — With financial markets from Asia to Latin America shuddering from the aftershocks of the Mexican crisis, the world's big money managers have begun taking a hard second look at their holdings in emerging markets everywhere.

Allen Saunders, a fund manager at UBS

Private Banking in London, said the global tremors resulting from the Mexican crisis would "take the shine off the emerging markets story for some time to come because people have been reminded again of the volatility of these markets and the currency risk."

But economists said that some of the more dramatic slumps in equity and currency values in recent days — in emerging market countries as diverse as Thailand. Indonesia and South Africa - were more the result of knee-jerk investor reactions than any imminent risk of a worldwide

Michael Bruno, the World Bank's chief

economist, issued a statement on Thursday that was apparently aimed at calming in-

"While market participants may exhibit some herd instinct, there are no economic or structural reasons for Mexico's problem 10 become a generalized financial crisis for the region or for the developing countries as a whole," he said.

Also Thursday, Mexico's central bank took a step aimed at shoring up confidence in the hattered Mexican peso by agreeing to buy hack as much as \$1.5 billion of dollar-linked Treasury bonds held hy Mexican banks and securities firms. (Page

Several economists and fund managers noted that, whether Mexico succeeds quickly or not in re-establishing stability. the present situation is very different from either the Mexican debt crisis of 1982 or the Wall Street collapse of 1987.

In each of these cases central banks and finance ministries worried about the risk of See MONEY, Page 8

## \*Asian Authorities Step In To Defend Their Exchanges

By Kevin Murphy ational Herald Trib

HONG KONG —Heavy selling against currencies in Hong Kong, Thailand and Indonesia spurred monetary authorities across Asia into action Thursday as the aftermath of Mexico's peso debacle shook stock, bond and foreign exchange markets.

A direct market intervention in Hong Kong and strong denials of imminent currency devaluations in Jakarta and Bangkok followed a strong sell-off in Asian stock markets and concerns that hedge-fund speculators were betting against at least two currencies linked to the U.S.

But in moving to defend their currencies, mooetary authorities — in Hong Kong in particular —have prompted fears that local interest rate increases are coming, moves that risk dealing a blow to already bruised confidence in Asian stock markets, analysts said.

The U.S. dollar rose to an 18-month high of 7.7740 Hoog Kong dollars, its highest since it touched 7.7790 dollars on

Probably most of it is genuine liquidation," Stuart Gulliver, head of Treasury and Capital Markets with HSBC Markets in Hong Kong, said of the hectic foreign exchange trading Thursday.

In Jakarta, Iodonesian equities and cur-

rency felt the heat.
"We have no plan to devalue the rupiah despite our debt," said Saleh Afiff, coordinating minister for the economy. Reuters

Mr. Afiff denied rumors that Indonesia, with a large international debt and a currency under pressure in recent days, would follow Mexico by devaluing the rupiah, "We are safe," he said. "Our exchange rate is still competitive."

Indonesiao stocks took their biggest one-day plunge in oearly 10 months. The Jakarta Stock Market Composite index fell 8.71 points, to 452.686, just above the 1994 low of 447.00.

Traders said many foreign mutual fund managers were unloading Asian stocks to meet investors' demands.

The exodus comes despite a growing feeling that the region's stocks and bonds are cheap given the strong growth and solid economic fundamentals in most Asian countries.

These Asian currencies are not ripe for devaluation in any consideration," said Mr. Gulliver. "The speculative story doesn't add up." In Thailand, stocks closed down 3.13

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Chechens picking up free bread Thursday at what was left of a Grozny food store as a guard kept an eye on the street.

### Israelis Shift Focus to the 'Good Life'

By Clyde Haberman

JERUSALEM - An important generational change is under way in Israel's public life, and with it has come a change in what Israelis care about and demand from their leaders.

Soon, possibly as early as the 1996 elections, political power will shift from the generation of nation-builders to one

founded in 1948.

Far more than their elders, these Israelis worry about their quality of life and their families well-being.

It hardly means that they have dispensed with concerns about peace and national security. But people roughly 45 and under are openly less tolerant of Israel's hackbreaking taxes and more prepared to criticize the onerous military

born, or at least reared, after Israel was reserve duty imposed on them each year. They are more skeptical about their leaders, more willing to throw them out of office in a flash and less captivated by Zionist folklore, whose once-ironclad truths they are increasingly prepared to see as perhaps embroidered with mythol-

> In a sense, says Haim Ramon, who in See ISRAEL, Page 8

lead to a repetition of the Yugoslav scenario in Russia," Mr. Karasin said. The spokesman said most foreign leaders had shown understanding of Chechnya as being Russia's internal affair, and one that had to be dealt with. But be attacked the "inadequate and hasty reactioo" of

some political leaders abroad, especially Europeans, who have postponed a trade agreement and suspended consideration of Russia's entry into the Council of Europe. "Along with a feeling of regret, such metoric makes one recall the recent and

lamentable past of our relations with the West." he said. "Often we see outdated See GROZNY, Page 8

### In Chechnya, A Cemetery

GROZNY, Russia - Marya Semyonovna was buried by her neighbors in a shallow ditch they dug in the courtyard of their bombed apartment huilding at 103

They could not remember her last name. Natalia Sheluptsova said, but they thought she was 60 or so. A retiree living alone, Marya Semyonovna had fallen ill and ber neighbors. Chechen and Russian, tried to tend her between Russian bombardments

checked, she was dead."

Lyudmila Zhalnina said: "We were all in the cellar together, in the dark and the

They want to get out of Grozny but they do not have the \$30 a person that drivers are demanding to take residents out of the devastated city. Nearly 100 people, sitting on their belongings, were waiting to go

In a Courtyard

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

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with no water, light or heat, and little food.
"But with the bombing and the shooting we were afraid to leave the cellar," Mrs. Sheluptsova said. "We didn't go to see her for a few days. This morning when we

cold, listening to the shells. We've lived in the cellar for two weeks. Almost every day someone died, and we buried them in the

courtyard." Wednesday it was Marya Semyonovna, one of the many civilian victims of this war between Russian troops and Chechen sep-aratists. Mrs. Sheluptsova and Mrs. Zhalrina have now had enough.

A few hours after hurying their neighbor, both women, surrounded hy their children and grandchildren and guarding a pathetic pile of plastic suitcases and hags. were waiting by the side of the street at the Minutka roundahout in Grozny, where some buses still come, sometimes, some

"Any place out of here," said Mrs. Sho-

luptsova, crying, "We don't know where to go. We hear there may be a free bus to Sleptovskaya, but there are so many peo-

Her husband's sister, Lela Turazeva, waited with her son, Shamil. 12, who has cerebral palsy and walks with a crutch. "We need only one thing, that Russia stop shooting at us," she said.

#### abandoned many of his party's principles WASHINGTON - In its husinesslike in a deal last summer that propelled him

U.S. and Japan: Low-Key, Little Progress

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

quickness and its low-key style, the meet-ing this week between President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama seemed to reflect the administration's battle fatigue in its dealings with Tokyo.

Mr. Clinton's aides insist that he has lost none of his verve for pressing Japan for major reforms in its economy and major new openings of its markets.

The president expressed confidence that his administration's blitz of recent accords with Tokyo would soon bring down the \$60 billion U.S. trade deficit with Japan.

Wednesday, Clinton aides ooted, he pressed Mr. Murayama - a Socialist who from obscurity to the prime minister's office — for quick progress in talks over autos and auto parts, which make up more than 60 percent of the trade imhalance.

On Tuesday, the two countries reached an agreement to partly open Japan's finan-cial services markets to greater foreign

In recent weeks, however, several officials close to the negotiations have ac-knowledged that the White House has lost any hope of speedy changes in Japanese economic policy.

When Mr. Muravama's advance team submitted a draft communiqué last week that would he issued at the end of the meeting, American officials rejected it out of hand because it made no mention of trade or Japan's contribution to the huilding of nuclear power reactors in North Korea, part of the deal to dismantle the Communist country's nuclear weapons project. But rather than fight, they just

decided to issue no communique at all. On Wednesday, Mr. Clinton steered far away from the kinds of comments be made two years and three prime ministers ago, when he told the first Japanese leader who visited him, Kiichi Miyazawa, that hroad

cooperation "can happen only if we make real progress on the trade deficit."

## A High-Tech Xanadu for Citizen Gates

By Timothy Egan

New York Times Service SEATTLE - The garage is tunneled into the hillside, with room enough to hold 20 cars, its roof covered by sod from the Cascade Range and surrounded by a freshplanted forest of Northwest alders. Bat-

man would hlush. At the bottom of the slope is an estuary. manmade, fed hy a small stream into which salmon will swim, procreate and die every fall, according to plan. Nature, not the huilding code, now governs that por-

In between is a reception hall hig enough to hold 150 people, a waterfall-cum-spa-and-60-foot-long pool, an exercise room paneled with rock from one of the highest peaks of the Pacific Northwest. And everywhere, there are video walls that can be programmed with art to match the

attention span of a guest.
This is the future bome of Bill Gates, covering nearly five acres (two hectares) of some of the most pampered waterfront property in America, in the suburb of Medina, a 10-minute canoe ride across Lake Washington from Seattle. At just under 40,000 square feet (3,600 square

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meters) of interconnected "pavilions," as the builders call them, the software mogul's home-to-be is not a mansion, or even an estate; it's an organism.

The house, whose plans and construction have been avidly watched and chronicled in minnte detail, was supposed to have been finished this year. But the date has been pushed back to 1996, and the vision of this high-tech temple continues to change - and with it, its price, originally pegged at \$15 million.

It is now \$30 million and counting, said Mr. Gates's wife, Melinda French, who answered questions about the house via electronic mail through a Gates family

When it is completed, there will be no "Honey, I'm home" and a footstool-with-

beer reception as Mr. Gates enters after his basic 16-hour day.

Instead, the network of computers will alert the boulder-rimmed hot tub, the video-art walls, the climate controls, the library, the trampoline room and other sections that the master has arrived and expects an evening tailored to his mood.

But that vision is yet to materialize, awaiting the alchemy that will bring to-gether basalt walls, stainless steel roofs, a river of wires and knot-free beams from 500-year-old trees, remilled after they were salvaged from old huildings.

For now Mr. Gates, the Microsoft Co. chairman whose net worth of just under \$10 billion makes him the wealthiest man in the United States remains without a

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### Surgeon Cuts Out, and Nurse Cuts In

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches LONDON - A British nurse who apparently took over an operation and removed a man's appendix has been suspended, health officials said Thursday.

"It's absolutely amazing — I have never heard of anything like this before,"

said Christine Hancock of the Royal College of Nursing. After the surgeon reportedly left the operating room at Treliske hospital in Truro, western England, the nurse cut

would only confirm that the nurse had been suspended.

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust said that it was investigating the case in Truro, 280 miles (450 kilometers) southwest of London. It declined to comment further. The surgical assistant who is reported to have performed the appen-dectomy was identified as Valerie Tom-

The patient is doing fine but Unison, the health workers' mion, has advised him to get a lawyer and has called for an the man open, removed his appendix and inquiry into the incident last month. sewed him up, she said. The hospital (Reuters, AP)

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ELEVATED MOOD IN MANILA - Women in miters waiting for the Pope to pass. He joked about his health and mixed with welcomers. Page 2.

### U.S. Soldier Dies in Haiti Gun Battle

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (Reuters) - A U.S. soldier was killed, another was wounded and a Haitian was killed during an exchange of gunfire at a tollbooth in Haiti on Thursday, a U.S. military spokeswoman said.

The soldier was the first to be killed since U.S. troops began their occupa-tion of Haiti last September.

Dole Closer to '96 Run WASHINGTON (AP) — Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader, moved closer to a 1996 presidential run Thursday by establishing a fund-raising commit- tee. The Kansas Republican said he would make a final decision by early April. Papers creating the Dole for President Exploratory Committee were filed	Downlos 3.03 3859.00 **The Dollar New York DM Pound Yen		Up 0.49% 110.73 previous do 1.5:
with the Federal Election Commission. Such committees are frequently used as	FF	5.2905	5.304
a precursor to a formal candidacy.	Classified Adve	atising	Page 8

The military said a group of Special

Forces soldiers was overseeing toll-booth operations when a pickup truck

with two passengers stopped but re-

fused to pay the toll. After being asked

to get out of the vehicle, the driver

emerged brandishing a weapon. He shot one soldier in the chest and the other in

the arm, prompting the exchange.

MANILA - He joked about the cane that supports him when he walks. He ruffled his security detail by plung-iog unscheduled into a sea of waifish dancers who pressed about him, close as clams. He signaled the sturings of a new campaign 10 nurture religious

All in all, on the first day of his first major foray since encounters with ill bealth last year's, Pope John Paul II was a man determined to let it be known Thursday that his 74 years and two surgical operations and a dislocated shoulder over the past two - offered no reason at all to shirk his self-imposed duties as the pastor for the world.

Under sultry, tropical skies, the Pope landed in Manila on Thursday after a 12-hour overnight flight from and French.

Rome. It was his first stop on an 11day tour that will take him oo to Papua the cane is used to give some people a

elected in 1978, this journey was spe- and jab. cial — an attempt to redress a disastrous year in 1994 when security problems forced him to cancel visits to fall last a Beirut and Sarajevo and ill bealth right leg. obliged him to put off trips to Belgium and the Uoited States.

Almost from the start, the Pope was at pains to decry suggestions that his papacy is in decline; indeed, he sought to send the message that he was not planning to make a habit of canceled visits or intimations of infirmity.

Speaking to reporters aboard his plane, he appeared rosy-cheeked, robust and spry — more so, at least, than be bas for months — fielding questions in English, Italian, German, Spanish

A photo of Mr. Deng, reportedly taken Oct. 1, that ran Thursday in a Shanghai paper.

Deng Incapacitated, Daughter Says

coocerned about my father's health - that's

Shanghai's Liberation Daily sought Thurs-

day to dispel reports of Mr. Deng's deteriora-

tion by publishing a photograph, reportedly taken of the Chinese leader in October.

Mr. Deng's decline has left uncertain

whether the family will move to its winler retreat in Shanghai. "If there aren't any prob-

lems, maybe we'll go to Shanghai," she said.

Though she did not provide details on Mr.

Deng's specific ailmeots, he is believed to be

suffering from advanced Parkinson's disease

tion. Weslern intelligence agencies recently

have sharpened their assessment that Mr.

Deng's decline is accelerating and irrevers-

A Western diplomat in Beijing said Thurs-

day that there were no signs of an imminent

crisis in Mr. Deng's health, aithough the U.S.

and other Western emhassies have increased

their monitoring of key hospitals and the

Deng family residence just oorth of the For-

The diplomat said that the Communist Party leadership had completed its prepara-

tions for Mr. Deng's death and was confident

that it could manage a stable transition to the

younger generation of leaders led by Presi-

publication, Mrs. Xiao defended her father's

record and spoke of his past mistakes only where he had acknowledged them.

der military force against the student demon-

strators in 1989, but said China's inexperi-

ence in riot control had cootributed to the

She staunchly defended his decision to or-

fn her first extensive remarks to a Western

dent Jiang Zemin.

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very clear," she said

'Someday There Will Be a Day When He Passes Away'

By Patrick E. Tyler

New York Times Service

BEIJING — Xiao Rong, the daughter of China's paramount leader. Deng Xiaoping, says that her father's health has significantly declined in recent months, and that he re-

mains at home at the family compound in

Communist Party leadership, and there is a

dehate over whether he will make his annual

appearance on national television during the

lunar New Year's celebrations, which begin

had entered the hospital, but her uousually

frank remarks in an 80-minute interview did

little to dispel coocern that the leader's death

"His health declines day by day," she said.

"People have to understand that, at this

point, he's 90 years old, an old man. And

someday there will be a day when he passes

able to walk for 30 minutes twice a day, "now he cannot walk," she said. "He oceds two

Though last year at this time Mr. Deng was

He refuses to use a wheelchair to travel, she

said. "He feels that after he sits in a wheel-

chair, he won't be able to get up again. It's the

Mrs. Xiao's candid remarks about her fa-

ther's condition are highly unusual for any

relative of a Chinese leader's to make. But as

Mrs. Xiao is traveling next week to New York

and Paris to promote a biography of her

father, she appeared eager to preempt the

"I know the reason why everyone is so

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Just tell the taxi driver, "Sank roo doe noo" -

away, that's for certain."

people to support him.

Mrs. Xiao denied reports that her father

His medical care is under direction of the

Beijing, unable to stand or walk.

New Guioea, Australia and Sri Lanka.
While he has undertaken 62 previous voyages outside ftaly since be was common root of the words for cancel and the co

The Pope began using the cane after hip replacement surgery following a fall last April in which he broke his

"The leg is not sufficiently strong and that's why I carry a cane," he went on. "This is the realistic situation." Well, then, someone asked, did that mean he would gainsay those who

speculated about more serious bealth

problems? After the upcoming trip, he said, "Whoever is still alive will see." He meant it as a joke. He went on to lay out plans for visits to Belgium and Slovakia and Africa and Austria, and

maybe Berlin and America.

aided down the steps. He did not kneel Philippines. to kiss the ground — a practice bc reserves for first-time visits. He last came to the Philippines — Asia's ar-chipelago of Catholicism — in 1981.

young women in traditional costumes Manila for the celebration, culminat-danced and swayed for him as he made ing in a prayer vigil Saturday and an the usual gestures of protocol toward open-air Mass on Sunday. President Fidel V. Ramos and other assembled dignitaries. Then, before clamboring in a balting manner aboard his glass-sided, bullet-proofed Popemobile, he took his canc and walked among the dancers, who broke ranks to mill about him — much to the conservations of the Pope to the property of the consternation of the Pope's security

production.

"We need a little patience," he said. hut there was no indication he was a Then, when his plane landed in Mapotenual assassin, Reuters reported. nila, the Pope walked slowly hut un-

The main purpose of his visit to the Philippines is to attend the Roman Catholic Church's World Youth Day. Vatican officials say that about Awaiting him, bundreds of girls and 500,000 young people will come to burn women in traditional costumes Manila for the celebration, culminat-

Even on Thursday, hundreds of

But the visit has many other under-tones. The Pope's powerful representa-tive here, Cardinal Jaime Sin, is at loggerheads with the government over its support for birth control among the [Police swooped in oo one man in Philippines' 65 million people, four-the crowd who was carrying a handgun fifths of whom are baptized Catholics.

provides for what it described lowed to the Indian capital at as "periodic" consultations be- the weekend by Ronald H.

### WORLD BRIEFS

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### Child of Malcolm X Charged In Plot to Murder Farrakhan

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A daughter of the slain U.S. black Muslim leader Malcolm X was iodicted Thursday, charged with trying to hire an assassin to kill her father's rival, Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam.

A federal grand jury indicted Qubilah Shabazz, 34, on charges of using the telephone and crossing state lines in the course of trying to hire someone to kill Mr. Farrakhan, a U.S. attorney, David Liliehang, said.

Miss Shabazz surrendered Thursday.

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Members of Malcolm X's family bave long said they suspected that Mr. Farrakhan was involved in Malcolm X's slaying. He was shot and killed as he gave a speech to Nation of Islam followers in 1965 in New York City.

### Simpson Abuse Allegations Dropped LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors in the O.J. Simpson

murder case Thursday withdrew several accusations of abuse against Mr. Simpson from the court record, including a statement that the defendant had threatened to cut off the heads of his ex-

wife's boyfriends.

Lydia Bodin, a Los Angeles deputy district attorney, said the prosecution wanted to reserve the right to reintroduce the allegations at a later time. Superior Court Judge Lance A. Ito did not immediately say whether he would allow that.

"By crossing these out," Miss Bodin said, "we're not commenting on the truth of these incidents or the untruth of them." The

material includes entries from Nicole Brown Simpson's diary and letters Mr. Simpson wrote her.

### Britain to Reduce Patrols in Belfast

BELFAST (Reuters) - Britain announced on Thursday 2 partial withdrawal of its troops from the streets of Belfast for the first time in 25 years because of cease-fires hy the Irish Republican Army and its Protestant foes.

The head of Northern Ireland's Royal Ulster Constabulary, Sir Hugh Annesley, said the troops, who have protected the police for a quarter of a century, would stop patrolling in daylight hours

Sir Hugh made his announcement five months after the IRA and pro-British guerrillas declared cease-fires in the conflict. A total of 648 soldiers, about 200 of them locally recruited have been killed in the past 25 years in the British-ruled province.

### Mitterrand Inaugurates 'City of Music'

PARIS (AFP) — President François Mitterrand inaugurated on Thursday an 800 million franc (\$150 million) monument to his 14-year presidency, a City of Music built on the site of a former slaughterhouse in northeastern Paris.

The 53,000-square-meter complex, to be completed in June, is the last of a series of vast projects that have altered the Paris skyline during his tenure, which will end in May.

The work of the architect Christian de Portzamparc, it is conceived as a self-contained village and is home to 2,000 musicians and dancers of the national conservatory. It also will feature worldwide traditional and popular music.

### Scalfaro Vows Action on Vacant Post

ROME (AP) - President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro pledged Thursday to move quickly to name a prime minister and try to end Italy's political stalemate that has lasted three weeks.

Mr. Scalfaro said "there will certainly be some news" soon on

his decision. But he also has suggested he may need more time to sort out the best formula for a new government. His choices are to ask the caretaker prime minister. Silvio Berlusconi, to try to form a new government, or to select a compromise prime minister acceptable to a majority of Parliament members.

Mr. Scalfaro has rejected demands by Mr. Berlusconi to call for immediate elections. Mr. Berlusconi resigned Dec. 22-to avoid acing no-confidence motions by opposition groups and his rebellious government partner, the Northern League. -

### U.S. to Move Cubans Out of Panama

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. military will move about 8.000 Cuban refugees from Panama to Guantanamo ba Cuba, next month before the expiration of an agreement with Panama to give them safe haven, administration officials said

The Pentagon said this week that 3,000 U.S. troops would be moved to Panama and the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay in coming weeks to maintain order during the refugee transfer.

The refugees are among about 30,000 who fled Cuba in ramshackle boats and rafts last summer after the Cuban government said it would not stop them from leaving. Havana later reimposed

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controls under an agreement with the United States.

### Venice Puts a Price Tag on Weddings

VENICE (AP) - Officials on the bunt for revenue have set

their sights on couples traveling here to be wed.

The price paid by nonresidents for use of a city-owned half for a reception or marriage ceremony was set as high as 1 million lire (\$600) for a luxurious saloo with a terrace overlooking the Grand Canal. More modest venues were priced at 350,000 lire.

More than 250 couples from elsewhere in Italy and abroad come to Venice each year for their ouptials. "This is not a scandal," said Mayor Massimo Cacciari. "We need to think of the Shop owners in Harare, Zimbabwe, will pay for the deployment

of police reservists to combat car thefts, mugging, begging and harassment, mainly by street children, which have driven many shoppers from the city center.

Authorities in the secessionist Somaliland region of East Africa said they had driven opposing forces out of the airport at Hargeisa, in northern Somalia, and surrounding areas and would reopen the airport in the next few days.

### Christopher Wanted Out, Senior Clinton Aides Say

WASHINGTON — In a private meeting with President Bill Clinton at the White House before Christmas, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said be wanted to resign but Mr. Clinton said he wanted the secretary to stay in his post indefinitely, according to senior administration officials and outsiders familiar with the conversation.

Mr. Christopher is said to have told the president that he

believed the administration had achieved a string of foreign policy successes, particularly in recent months, and that he could leave the job confident that American foreign policy was firmly on course

He reportedly told Mr. Clinton that he would be willing to stay on until the president could find a suitable replacement.

Mr. Clinton was said to have been surprised by the resignation offer, but to have realized that there was no candidate available to replace him.

"Several weeks ago Secretary Christopher and the president had a good discussion about building on our foreign policy successes in the last two years," said Michael McCurry, the new White House spokesman who served as Mr. Christophers.

pher's spokesman for two years.
"At the conclusion of that conversation, the president told the secretary that be has great confidence in him and wanted him to stay indefinitely," Mr. McCurry said Wednesday.

"The secretary accepted, and there's nothing about his role that's changed."

### U.S. and India Set Security Pact Perry Visit Puts End to Cold War Tensions

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military exercises, training, de-

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strained," Mr. Perry told staff members at the U.S. Embassy

after a ceremony at which he

For more than four decades,

By John F. Burns

New York Times Service NEW DELHI - India and the United States signed a defense accord Thursday that both sides described as marking a break with the estrangements of the Cold War era and as a move toward enhanced stability in the South Asian region.

The agreement came at a time when the governments in Washington and New Delhi are rapidly broadening ties that were largely frozen for long periods between India's independence in 1947 and the collapse of the Soviet Union, a close ally of India's, in 1991. On several froots, particularly in the expansion of business and economic ties, the United States has now effectively become India's most important partner.

The oew defense accord involved oo breakthroughs on issues that have dogged discussioos oo security matters between the two countries for years, principally U.S. concerns about the tense stand-off between India and Pakistan and indications that both of those countries have secret programs to develop ouclear weapons. The nuclear issue, and U.S. efforts to persuade both sides to cap their nuclear programs, was not mentioned in the agree-

But William J. Perry, the U.S. secretary of defense, said that by providing for closer contacts between the defense establishments of India and the United States, the agreement would open what he called "a new era

in our security relations." kind between the two nations,

Home Affairs Minister S. B. Chavan, who is the effective second-in-command in the Indian government after Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao. Mr. Perry added; "This agreement by itself doeso't achieve anything, but it does open the door."

After a period of renewed strain last year that flowed from problems between Washingtoo and New Delhi over the nuclear weapons issue and Kashmir. Mr. Rao visited Washington in May and smoothed over the differences with President Bill Clinton.

On Thursday, the new atmosphere was reflected by Mr. Chavan, who said that the defense accord reflected a mutual desire "to come closer together and forget the past." Mr. Rao. who holds the defense portfolio io the government, is to meet Mr. Perry on Friday.

In a measure of the quicken- grams. ing ties between the two countries, Mr. Perry, who is to visit Indian Army and Air Force that the United States is look-The accord, the first of its units before leaving for Wash- ing beyond its old military relaington on Saturday, will be fol-tionship with Pakistan.

tween the Pentagon and India's Brown, the U.S. commerce sec-Defense Ministry, as well as ex-retary, who will participate io signing ceremonies for exten-sive trade and investment deals with American companies. But in seeking to broaden ties

beyond the burgeoning husi-oess links, which have been all during the Cold War, the relationship between the Unitmade possible by India's threeyear-old program of free mar-ket economic reforms, the United States is venturing into the most difficult aspect of the oew relationship, fn the decades signed the agreement with when it was effectively allied to the Soviet Union, India was suspicious of U.S. military aims. New Delhi was particularly resentful of Washington's close military ties with Paki-

> On a two-day visit to Pakistan that preceded his arrival here, Mr. Perry told Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto that Washington intended to take an "even-handed approach" to Pakistan and India, according to U.S. officials traveling with Mr. The Islamabad visit pro-

duced an agreement to revive a joint consultative group of senior defense officials, dormant since the United States suspended military aid to Pakistan in 1990 over the noclear weapons issue, that will meet periodically to exchange intelligence and to arrange joint military exercises and training pro-

But there were hints in Mr. Perry's remarks in New Delhi

### Algeria Opposition Welcomes Support

position groups on Thursday to end the country's strife.

Mr. Juppe on Wednesday indirectly encouraged the talks being hosted by Sant Egidio Community, an influential Ro- ber of initiatives taken in recent man Catholic peace group in

Rome. "I am very pleased by Juppé's statement," said Ab- give Algerian people their voice. denour Ali Yahya, a spokesman for the groups gathered in

ROME - Algeria's main op- ria's Human Rights League. France, Algeria's former cowelcomed cautious support lonial ruler, has been seen by from the French foreign minis- the opposition as lending supter, Alain Juppé, for their talks port to the army-hacked gov-

> Mr. Juppé, speaking at a press reception in Paris, said, We view with interest a nomweeks." He said reviving oegotiations and moving toward elections were the only ways to

Three years ago Thursday, the Algerian Army canceled a eneral election that the outlawed fslamic Salvation Front had been poised to win. Up to 30,000 people have since been killed in fighting between the government and Islamic mili-tants, Western security services

say.
The groups gathered io Rome, including the outlawed Islamic group, say they had agreed on a draft peace proposal that includes a call for a truce and negotiations with the government on a return to democracy. They are due to publish the document on Friday.

#### ■ 16 Rebels Are Killed Algerian security forces shot

and killed 16 Muslim guerrillas in ambush and search operations on Tuesday and Wednesday, the official Algerian news agency APS was quoted by Reuters as saying.
The deaths brought to 22 the

number of Musbin guerrillas killed by security forces io a three-day period.

#### The Observer Is Given A New Editor in Chief

LONDON - The editor of The Observer, Jonathan Fenhy. has resigned, and The Guardian editor, Peter Preston, has been appointed editor in chief of both titles, the Scott Trust, which owns the newspapers, announced Thursday

Mr. Fenhy, who has run The Observer since 1993, is leaving the job "by mutual agreement."

### **Bosnia Forces Blockade UN Unit** To Protest Pact

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herze govina — Bosnían government troops have blockaded a United Nations base and threatened to shell the area in a revolt against terms of a truce with the Serbs agreed to by their high com-mand, UN officials said Thurs-

The Bosnian soldiers were protesting the stationing of a Serbian liaisnn officer on gov-

The accord, forged to help the separatist Serbs exchange

A UN spokesman. Paul Risley, said government soldiers began blockading the Tuzla air-

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### **52 Die, Girl Survives** Colombia Jet Crash

BOGOTA - A dazed 9- night with lanterns and portayear-old girl with a brokeo arm ble generators to find the emerged as the lone survivor of a predawn plane crash in northit in water up to 2 meters deep. em Colombia in which 47 passengers and five crew members whether the plane exploded in were killed, rescue workers said Thursday.

Aviating authorities said the

girl, Erika Delgado, was the ooly survivor of the crash Wednesday evening of an Intercontinental de Aviación DC9 into a swamp in northern Colombia. The plane crashed minutes before it was due to land in the Caribbean resort of Cartagena on a flight from Bogota. "The girl seems to be the only

survivor," an official said. "Shc said she fell out of the plane when it broke up and fell into a Officials said it was not yet known why the planc plunged

14,000 feet (4,300 meters) to the ground shortly after requesting permission to descend for landing. The pilnt had not reported any problems. Flight 2056 originated in Bo-gota, 610 kilometers (380 miles) south of Cartagena. All 53 penple aboard were Columbian,

authorities said. More than 400 police, soldiers. Red Cross workers and There was confusion about

volunteers worked through the

midflight and then fell to the ground or whether it crashed on The Civil Aviation Authority quoted the pilot of a plane following the DC9 as saying he saw it explode in midair, but people who witnessed the crash spoke of a detonation as the

 aircraft hit the ground. Authorities said that when they sought details from the pilot, he nn longer claimed to have seen an explosion.

"A few hours after saying he saw a midflight explosion, he did not stick to that story," said the assistant director of the aviation authority, Humberto Fonnegra.

"We're discarding the idea that there was a midflight ex-plosion." Mr. Fonnegra said. The crash was the most serious air disaster in Colombia since May 19, 1993, when a SAM Airlines Boeing 727 crashed into a mountain, killing

(AFP, Reuters, AP). it said.

### Nuclear Treaty, Win U.S. Praise WASHINGTON - The

Algerians Sign

United States on Thursday applauded Algeria's decision to renounce ouclear weapons by joining the Nuclear Nonprolif eration Treaty. Algeria became a party to the

1968 treaty by giving proper no-tice in London. Washington and Moscow, the capitals of the treaty's three "depositary powers." The move brought the ouniber of parties to the treaty A State Department spokeswoman, Christine Shelly, said,

This important step furthers efforts to achieve universal adherence to the NPT, which is the cornerstone of international efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons."

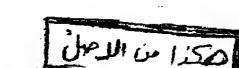
"The United States applauds this step and urges all other states that have oot yet joined the treaty to do so," she said.

crament territory at the UNoperated Tuzla airport in northeast Bosnia under provisions of a Dec. 31 cease-fire agreement.

revive international peace talks, stipulates that Bosnia's mostly Muslim government army and liaison afficers to be posted inside UN bases,

field Wednesday, cut telephone lines to the base and threatened to shell peacekeepers.

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By Katharine Q. Seelye

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WASHINGTON — The new members of the week-old 104th Congress, who rode into town on a wave of anti-Congress sentiment, have found themselves at odds with longer-sitting members over how long they should all stay.

The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, has aligned himself with the old guard among those who favor limiting congressional terms. They support a bill that allows House members to stay in office for 12 years, even though a Republican poll shows that voters overwhelmingly favor 6-year limits.

The six-year limits are also the choice of most of the rebellious band of freshmen, many of whom campaigned on term

Mr. Gingrich, who is beginning his 9th term and his 17th year in the House, bas always favored the 12-year limit, and be said Wednesday that he would vote against a six-year limit when hills on the subject come to the floor, probably in late March.

"A six-year learning curve is just too short," Mr. Gingrich said. "I don't know that I'm all tbat smart, but as hard as I worked at it, I didn't get it in the first six years."

In answer to a question, Mr. Gingrich said it was not bypocritical of him to support term limits for others that would amount to about balf the time he bad already accumulated.

body to suggest they favor a tax increase and not voluntarily send the money?" he asked. "You can favor public policy without having to be a martyr." He spoke Wednesday at a

crowded news conference where dozens of House members, most of them Republicans, demonstrated their support for the concept of term limits, papering over for the moment their deep divisions over the length of their terms.

Before leaving, 53 Republicans and 6 Democrats signed large posters that committed them to adoption of term limits of unspecified duration.

· In a deeply ambivalent statement, Representative Richard K. Armey, Republican of Texas, the new majority leader, said his enthusiasm for term limit bad not waned, "but it still saddens me to take this position."

"This is a tool that I think will do for the Congress exactly what I did with a pitchfork for my dad's stable," he said.

The display on Wednesday only confirmed for cynics the ways of Washington.

"They say they have to be pragmatic, that six years wouldn't pass," said Paul Jacob, executive director of U.S. Term Limits, a group formed to like a mother saying. 'Clean up your room,' and the kid saying. 'Sorry, we just don't have the

"They are what is standing in the way of it being three terms, he added.

Representative Sam Brown-back, a freshman Republican from Kansas, campaigned on 10-year limits but is supporting the bill for 12-year limits. He said he would vote for whatever term-limit bill passed.

Of the freshman class, he said, "If 12 is what it takes to get it, they'll go with that."

At the same time, the Republican pollsters who reported during last year's campaign that voters vastly preferred six-year limits seemed to back off their findings.

Luntz Research found in September that 82 percent of Americans favored six years, with only 14 percent favoring 12 years. But Steven Wagner, a pollster for the firm, suggested that this finding should not be taken literally.

"As we know in retrospect, people were looking for change," he said. "Term limits are popular, and they picked the shorter of two options. But I think voters will be bappy with wbatever compromise is worked out."



#### Newt Gingrich showing his party's "Contract With America," which calls for term limits, she said, looking up at the sheer Thomas, said people had been

### New Crisis for a California City Floods Follow Fires That Denuded the Hills

By Seth Mydans
New York Times Service
ALTADENA, California From disaster to cleanup, this is a city that lives the Southero a half." California cycle. The same range of hills whose beauty aitracts residents also threatens them with the brushfires, mud slides and floods that are a part

of life here.
Just over a year ago, 12 of the
16 houses on Kindair Drive were destroyed in a wave of wildfires that swept the region. Vicky Wade's house was one of those that survived the unpredictable flames.

"My awnings burned, but not my house," she said.

But survival also meant danger: The bare and blackened hillside that rises behind her house now threatens flash floods. Now has come the night that Mrs. Wade and her neighbors - all but two of whom decided to rebuild - bad been preparing for ever since the fires in late 1993,

A new retaining wall just be-hind ber house belps divert water. Elsewhere, residents and city workers erected berms and runoff channels, planted foliage and cleared away hrush. Still, like much of the city,

rushing water. "I've been vacuuming up the water nunstop for 24 bours,"

she was awake through the

night Tuesday, hattling the

hillside. "All night I set the alarm and slept an hour, vacuumed an hour and a half: steps an hour, vacuumed an hour and

As brown runoff from the nearby hillsides continued Wednesdny to course through the streets of this city just north of Los Angeles, anxiety mount-

"Nobody wants to let their guard down because we still have rain ahead," said Linda Powell, director of a bomeowngroup. "We have only made through one storm. This is Southern California. We are always going to have earth-quakes, and nobody is safe from the possibility of a mud

[The storm has killed at least eight people and caused millions of dollars in damage, The

Associated Press reported. [Some areas got up to 16 inches (40 centimeters) of rain in the past nine days, twice the normal total for the entire season. Forecasters warned that a weaker storm lurking offshore was poised to strike this week-

On Wednesday, with a rela-tive respite from the downpours, the Altadena Hardware Store was bustling as brief flashes of sunshine alternated with sudden showers.

The store manager, Don

coming in all day, looking for help in pumping out their base-ments and buying up plastic sheeting for the loose, muddy hillsides faster than he could

Throughout the day, convoys of work trucks labored to keep flood channels clear. Helicopters circled the hillsides to spot sudden runoffs, and the sheriff's department deployed fourwheel-drive vehicles in the hill-

side area in case of emergency. "We've got to keep in mind that even if it stops raining, it won't stop flowing here," said Lieutenant Ralph Martin of the local sheriff's station. "We've got dozens of miles of forest above us and the water will keep coming down through the canyons for several days."

He described his city as emblematic of the region's recent

"Unfortunately, we have a very active emergency opera-tions center," he said, "We've got a lot of experience not only from the earthquake hut from the fires, and of course the ri-ots." The anniversary of last year's Northridge earthquake, which took more than 50 lives, falls next Tuesday.

For all the readiness, be said, one aspect of the storm had surprised him.

"I've got to admit that a lot of people were more prepared than we anticipated," he said.

# Kennedy Raises a Liberal Cry

### bad already accumulated. "Is it inappropriate for some. Senator Urges Democrats to Stick to Party's Root Principles

By Dan Balz

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Outlining a strategy to bring his party back to power, Senator Edward M, Kennedy of Massachusetts has challenged fellow Democrats to adhere to their principles, stand up for President Bill Clinton and not try to become "pale carbon copies" of the new Republican majority in Congress.

"The caricatures of us by the other side will be ineffective as long as we vigorously oppose them and expose them, instead of speepishly acquiescing," Mr. Kennedy told a National Press Club luncheon audience. "If Democrats run for cover, if we become pale carbon copies of the opposition and try to act like Republicans, we will lose -and deserve to lose.

Although much of his speech Wednesday was devoted to attacking the Republicans' new agenda, Mr. Kennedy saved his toughest words for some of his fellow Democrats.

"Blaming Bill Clinton by some in our party comes with ill grace from those who abandoned him on critical votes in the last Congress, then ran from him in the campaign and then lost, often by wide margins," he said. "Now they come forward to advocate a strategy discredited by their own defeats."

Mr. Kennedy said be defeated the Republican Mitt Romney last fall in his most difficult reelection campaign by sticking to the party's traditional values and issues, and he said Democrats would be rewarded in 1996 if they confronted Republicans.

"In the wake of this election, Democrats need to fight back for our beliefs, not turn our back on support six-year limits. "That's the Clinton administration," he said, adding,

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desire to die.

"As Democrats, we can win, but only if we stand for something."

Mr. Kennedy accused the Republicans of a "strategy of obstruction, distortion and massive personal attack on the president and the first lady" and said their agenda would result in deep cuts in Medicare and Medicaid and "lavish tax cuts" for the wealthy.

Ten years ago, Mr. Kennedy used a speech at Hofstra University in New York to urge Democrats to move toward the center following electoral defeat. This time, he defended the liberalism that is synonymous with his name. He outlined a legislative agenda for the party

taged and to woo hack middle-class voters who flocked to the Republicans last fall. At the top of the agenda, Mr. Kennedy said, should be health-care reform, the issue that Mr. Clinton hoped would bring Democrats electoral success in 1994 but that proved to be part of their

designed to protect the poor and the disadvan-

The senator said it was "a total misreading of the election" to suggest that the issue was dead. Mr. Kennedy admitted that Democrats "made serious mistakes" in their health-care fight last year but said the biggest miscalculation was

failing to bring the issue to a vote. "I believe voters would have railied to Demo-crats in 1994 if we had gone down fighting as hard as we could for bealth reform," be declared. "Instead we engaged in a search for a phantom compromise that our opponents never intended

Mr. Kennedy said Hillary Rodham Clinton had accepted more than her share of the blame for the demise of health care reform.

#### Gingrich Met Media Tycoon

WASHINGTON - The new speaker of the House. Newt Gingrich, acknowledged Thursday he met the media tycoon Rupert Murdoch amid an uproar over his \$4.5 million book publishing deal with a firm Mr. Murdoch owns. Spokesmen for Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Gingrich gave differing dates for the meeting. Critics of the Republican

speaker suggest the arrangement creates a possible conflict of interest. Mr. Gingrich's spokesman, Tony Blankley, said the Georgian met Mr. Murdoch on Dec. 28, "It was a 10-

minute courtesy call," he said. But a publicist for the media tyenon said that the men met Nov. 28, before the book deal became public.

'According to Mr. Murdoch, at no time during his meeting with Mr. Gingrich was the subject of the book transacon raised." a statement from Mr. Murdoch's News Corp. said.

The House Democratic whip, David E. Bonior of Michigan, said a special investigator should be named to probe "ethical problems" posed by the meet-

### Mrs. Quayle Fires Fusillade

WASHINGTON - Well, so much for Republican unity and the era of good teelings. With former Vice President Dan Quayle convalescing after having his appendix removed last week, his wife. Marilyn, replaced him at a speech in Hammond. Indiana, and immediately

By Gina Kolata

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - New find-

began sniping at some of Mr. Quayle's likely opponents for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

According to an Associated Press account of the lunch, Mrs. Quayle was particularly uncharitable toward Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, who had just won a Louisiana presidential straw poll. 'His fund-raising has not met expectations," she was quoted as saying. Mrs. Quayle also said that Mr. Gramm "is not very well thought of in the Senate. even among Republicans themselves."

She dismissed the early organizing efforts by Mr. Gramm and former Education Secretary Lamar Alexander, who will formally announce their candidacies later this winter. She said the two men apparently believe "if they buy up all the good campaign operatives and are able to win the first couple of primaries, they can coast into the convention." (11/P)

### **Falling Out Over Welfare**

WASHINGTON - Negotiations over the future of the nation's welfare programs have been slowed by the emergence of deep philosophical disagreements between Republican governors and Republican members of Congress.

In general, participants in the negotiations said, the governors want the fewest possible restrictions on their use of fedcral money to help the poor pay for food, shelter, clothing and child care. But the members of Congress say they want to regulate use of the money to alter the behavior of welfare recipients.

The two sides agree that the states should have much more flexibility in designing and operating welfare programs. They also agree that each state should receive a lump sum of federal money for purposes defined by Washington in only the broadest terms.

But they disagree on many details, including whether states should be allowed to cut their own spending on welfare. "What some of the governors want is for us to put the federal money on a stump in the middle of a forest in the dead of night." said an aide to the new House Republican leaders.

#### Unpopular in the Provinces

WASHINGTON - President Bill linton's choice of Senator Christopher Dodd to head the Democratic Nationl Committee has set off an open rebellion among some state party leaders who argue that he is too liberal and that he cannot effectively represent the interests of his home state of Connecticut and lead the national party at the same time.

"Some of us have severe reservations with Chris Dodd," said Gary Hindes. chairman of the Delaware Democratic

### Quote/Unquote

Representative Charles H. Taylor, Republican of North Carolina, a registered forester and tree farmer, referring to a suggestion that National Forest Service lands could be managed more efficiently by an environmental organization: "Some of the things you've been saying make it seem as if you've been smoking a little funny weed somewhere.

### **Away From Politics**

• The police captured the third of the five convicted killers who tunneled their way out of a Florida prison last week, leaving two men still on the run. The arrest of Hector Rivas, 32, near central Miami came less than one day after authorities captured his fellow inmate, Florencio Alvarez, 39, at a bomeless camp west of the city. A third inmate, Armando Junco, was with Mr. Alvarez and was killed by the police during the capture. (Reuters)

 A Miami bridge tender mistakenly raised a drawhridge while a pregnant woman was walking across and, sitting in his soundproof booth, was unaware of her screams as she dangled 50 feet (15 meters) above the sidewalk. The 25-year-old woman, whose identity

ALBANY, New York - Thomas Grasso, the

double-murderer who has demanded to be exe-

cuted and whose case became an issue in New

York's gubernatorial campaign, was transferred Wednesday from New York to Oklahoma to

Coming II days after George E. Pataki took office, Mr. Grasso's extradition fulfilled one of

the new Republican governor's top campaign

pledges and starkly symbolized the political

transformation in Albany.
Oklahoma officials said Mr. Grasso could be

executed by lethal injection within 60 days. But

the umetable for his execution must be set by Oklahoma's top appellate court, and it could be delayed if legal challenges are filed by outside

await execution.

was not released, tumbled to the ground when her strength gave out. She lost the 6-monthold fetus after the fall and remained in critical condition. Triangle Maintenance, the company that operates the bridge for the state, suspended the hridge tender, Willie Burnes, without pay.

 A small plane attempting an emergency landing crashed into an office huilding near the Augusta, Georgia, airport, killing all four people on board and critically injuring two people in the building. A Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman in Atlanta said the plane, a twin-engine Cessna 414, had taken off from Swainsboro, Georgia, en route to Columbia, South Carolina.

Lawyers representing anti-death-penalty

groups said, bowever, that there seemed to be few legal mechanisms to block Mr. Grasso's

execution as long as Mr. Grasso maintains his

Mr. Pataki, who also has pledged to make New York the 38th state to restore the death penalty.

said Mr. Grasso's departure was the fulfillment

of a significant campaign promise. Throughout

last year's campaign against Mario M. Cuomo, Mr. Pataki used the Grasso case to illustrate the

Grasso killed one of his victims.

the death penalty for his brutal crimes."

### Colombia Denies Big Jets Used in Cocaine Traffic

BOGOTA - Colombian authorities deny that the Caribbean island of San Andres serves as a haven for drug traffickers ing cocaine to Mexico.

A New York Times article an territory.

old passenger jets, taking out the seats and using the planes to fly huge amounts of the drug into Mexico. A spokeswoman for the Co-

tected leaving San Andrés. She added that government officials had met on the island

Democratic governor's opposition to the death penalty, even holding a news conference in front of the Staten Island boardinghouse where Mr. "It was Defense Minister Fernando Botero who asked the Today we have accomplished what we prom-Mexican and United States governments for help," she ised," Mr. Pataki said. "Thomas Grasso will face

New York Times Service

ings about how the AIDS virus behaves in the body belp to explain why all drugs tried until now have been ineffective. And it casts new light on the reaction of the body's immune system to and that big jets are transport- the invader. Infection by HIV, the human

immunodeficiency virus, has been thought of as a gradual this week quoted U.S. officials process in which the virus acts as saying the Colombian auslowly to undermine the imthorities were doing nothing about planes loaded with comune system. In fact the virus and the immune system engage caine taking off from Colombiin a pitched battle from the very start of infection, according to It said smugglers were buying new findings published Thurs-

lombian government said Wednesday that "small planes, not large ones" had been de-

last September 10 discuss drug trafficking.

Each day millions of virus particles are produced and mil-lions are killed. But the immune system's losses are also stagger ing, with up to I billion infected cells dying and being replaced each day, the new findings show. This battle continues to

The findings come from the laboratories of two top AIDS researchers, Dr. David Ho, director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York, and Dr. George M. Shaw of the University of Alabama in

the end, with the immune sys-

tem losing just a little ground

### Birmingham. They were published in Nature, the Londonadministered. The researchers

based scientific journal. One clue that led to the findings was new drugs that all but stop the AIDS virus in its tracks. By giving these drugs to infected patients and measuring how quickly the virus popolation died and then recovered, the researchers were able to calculate the dynamics of infection

more precisely. The AIDS virus is known to make many slightly different or mutated copies of itself, raising the chances that at least one of these mutations will be resistant to any drug.

The rapid turoover of virus now known to take place explains why the resistant forms can so quickly predominate in the body after a drug has been

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### AIDS Research Focuses on Viral 'Battle'

found that the new drugs could destroy 99 percent of the virus in the body, yet resistant strains of virus appeared within days. The new picture of an AIDS

virus infection, scientists say. means that entire research enwrong path.

It also suggests new strategies said.

for combating the virus: The battle between the immune system and the virus is so close that any drug that weakens the virus and gives the immune system a slight edge might in principle be

enough to tip the balance.
"We now have some real valterprises have gone down the ues to shoot at to try to make an impact on the disease," Dr. Ho



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### **Future Peacekeeping**

United Nations peacekeeping missions have hit hard times. Since the end of the Cold War, the use of lightly armed soldiers to police cease-fires or monitor elections has given way to ambitious attempts to impose peace on hostile forces determined to keep fighting, as in Soma-lia or Bosnia. The result has been a loss of political support for UN peacekeeping. particularly in Washington.

The Clinton administration now shies away from involvement in operations not commanded by an American, so that U.S. troops will not be dependent on others for relief or evacuation as they were in Soma-lia. Congressional Republicans go further, proposing tight legal restrictions on the use of American forces and opposing participation in the UN force that will soon take over in Haiti, even though it will be commanded by an American.

Rethinking and retrenchment are in order. Last week, UN Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali called for scaled down expectations and more limited missions. But if that can be accomplished. UN peacekeeping can serve American interests and contribute to global peace. The use of major powers' troops for

enforcement operations under a UN flag. like the British, French and Russians in Bosnia or the Americans in Somalia, has not worked well and should not be re-peated. Enforcement missions require the kind of firepower that only major powers can supply, but these powers do not easily subordinate their armies to UN command. There should be a shift back toward more limited objectives like policing cease-fires. These missions should be carried out by specialized forces from smaller and neutral states operating under United Nations command.

When major enforcement missions are clearly warranted, they should be assigned to the armies of major military powers, under Security Council mandate but national combat command. This will be possible only where there is a consensus on the Security Council and where an appropriate country is willing to under-take the mission — for example, the French last year in Rwanda

UN peacekeeping does what it can do very well. It makes no sense to continue eroding its credibility by asking it to do what it cannot

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### **Tenure in Question**

For many years tenure was the great sacred cow of American academia, hailed as the guarantor of academic freedom and long-term institutional stability. Although tenure itself is still solidly rooted in most of higher education, the days of its status as unquestioned good are gone. If a symbol were needed of the moment it ended, it might be Dec. 29, when the eminent Yale literature professor Harold Bloom observed in passing, in answer to a question during an appearance on televi-sion, that tenure might better be abolished.

The professor was making not a considered policy proposal but a rhetorical point connected to a question about term limits for government officials. Still. the attention the comment sparked in academic circles reflects a growing unhappiness among not just outside critics of academia but also administrators trying to rein in costs - and, not least, among the hordes of young scholars hopelessly bottlenecked at the bottom of a sluggishly moving economy where many fields see only one or two good job openings in the country per year. Professor Bloom is not the only voice that has been beard wondering whether there might not be some better way to safeguard the benefits that tenure affords while easing the distorting effect it has on much of the academic economy.

Tenure's current status dates from the post-McCarthy era and was based on fears that professors were uniquely vulnerable to job pressure because of their political views - and uniquely in need of protection so as to be able to pursue their teaching and research free of political interference or reprisal. This idea, in turn, harks back to a much older image. outside but as a way in which that of the cloistered, monkish scholar can reform and renew itself. pursuing his labors for decades, safely

insulated from the pressures of the outside world. The image has its nostalgic appeal, but it is a long way from reality on most campuses these days.

The absence of pressure on tenured scholars to teach redoubles the burden on younger, nontenured or, increasingly. non-tenure-track staff who are hired as temporary labor because no permanent jobs are likely to open up. The annual Modern Language Association conference last week was occasion for the venting of that unhappiness among young scholars who complain that they can get only sbort-term and nomadic teaching work. Schools that move in this direction can often save a great deal of money. Some put the level of such part-timers as high as 40 percent.

Meanwhile, the ivory tower quality of even the tenured population has little in common with the ideal anymore; among some academics, such as those on the faculties of professional schools, it is fashionable as well as profitable to engage heavily in outside consulting work, while the star system makes the most visible scholars skip around in a variety of noncloistered activities that bring prominence to the school and the department.

As for academic freedom, the much lamented decline in campus civility and the rise in hair-trigger political sensitivity has led to a situation where, once a political storm blows up, tenure does not always afford absolute protection anyway. As the pressure on universities increases and academic life grows less livable, the temptation to reform some of tenure's glaring weirdnesses grows. Adjustment should not he seen as an attack on academia from

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

### Other Comment

### India's Economic Crossroads

Indian reform has reached a critical juncture. The bloom has come off the Chinese investment rose: Broken contracts, unpaid bills and rampant piracy have introduced a new sobriety about this market, and many investors are searching for greener pastures. As the world's second-largest potennial giant, India natu-

rally is getting a closer look.

Certainly India has its advantages. The Bombay Stock Exchange has been around for more than a century. The rule of law is well-entrenched, if cumbersome. Indian democracy, moreover, is a rugged creature. Having survived years of assassinations and socialism, it leaves foreign investors in a good position to judge the worst-case political risk. The same cannot be said of China.

The problem is that India has embraced capitalism with only one arm. While [Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha] Rao defends his economic liberalization policy as "the best option available," Deng Xiaoping enthusiastically declares that "to get rich is glorious." Even though investment was down in China in 1994, it was still some \$27.9 billion - dwarfing the \$4.5 billion India has received since Mr. Rao's reforms began four years ago. Investors will be watching closely to see whether India takes advantage of China's missteps. - Far Eastern Economic Review

(Hong Kong).

### The American Burden

One can understand that many Americans feel American money should not be spent, nor American lives endangered, by accepting the burdens that history has thrust upon the United States as the only surviving superpower. Yet Americans now have a second rendezvous with history: to bring peace to the world. This means direct involvement in Bosnia with NATO and the UN. Only when the United States becomes actively involved will the war in Bosnia be stopped - not by martial action but by political and economic means.

We therefore call on Americans to rally behind President Clinton's foreign policy. We dare to call on Americans to vote in 1996 for a president who accepts that America and Europe are united in our world. America must help solve the problems of the free world wherever these occur. But Europe musi prove to America that it understands why America assumed this great historic task and must help to carry the burden.

- Yekutiel Xiel Federmann, writing in The Hornet (Jerusalem).

### Washington Tightrope Act

News Gingrich has promised an era-totally different from the past. The latest move to reform the U.S. House of Representatives should be praised. But Republicans will need to seek compromise. And to stop voters drifting away from the Demo-cratic Party, the Clinton administration will have no choice but to accept proposals for smaller government. Meanwhile, if Mr. Clinton tries to gain popularity by placing priority on domestic policies, he will disap-point other countries.

- Yomiuri Shimbun (Tokyo).



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# Russia's Advance to Normalcy Can Do Without Yeltsin

PARIS—In the earliest, heady days of "glasnost," I asked an ecstatic Russian-editor where he wanted change to go. Wanly, because he had no trust for theories or isms, he said with an embarrassed smile, "We want a normal country." Now nearly a decade later, the Soviet Union and the Communist Party have collapsed. There has been vast change, but Russia is still far from a normal country. Russians are no longer sure what "normal" should mean, and how desirable it is.

Alessandra Stanley of The New York Times reports that the holiday season brought nostalgia among Moscovites for the long, crowded, intensely warm evenings around the kitchen table in the "old days." "When nothing was permitted, only relationships could really flourish." she wrote. Now, many people are hener off but they are too busy pursuing careers and enterprise to spend time cultivating friendships. Forgetting the privations, they feel a serious loss. That should not be surprising. Adver-

sity, danger, fear do sharpen the senses and heighten appreciation of what is good about life. They bind people in a way that opportunity and mundane satisfactions do not. It's wby old soldiers feel

close when they reminisce. But the doubts about normality and what it should be show how deep is the By Flora Lewis

emotional, as well as social, economic and political, trouble for Russians as they go through their painful transformation. It was always clear that Boris Yeltsin was going to be a transitional figure in a

long process already punctuated by spec-tacular dramas. It is becoming evident that he can't see it through to completion.
The argument over whether he is personally responsible for the policy and the orders that have turned Chechnya into a raging, criminal folly, or wbether he has been too weak to resist manipula-

serves no useful purpose. He has lost the confidence of those eager to press ahead with democracy and economic reform. He will never be trusted by those opposed to these ideas, although they may retain him as a figurehead so long as convenient.

Deliberately, as some claim, or by gross miscalculation, the war against Chechnya has set the whole Russian Federation back in vital ways, It has already added a billion dollars, maybe much more, to the heavy budget deficit, endangering agreements with international lenders and investors. Inflation is mounting again.

According to the Russian Research Center at Harvard, careful compilers of the best available information, the econo-

my was still plunging downward in any case, not stabilizing as the optimists believed. Industrial production in the first 10 months of 1994 was down 22 percent from the same period in 1993. Agriculture and carde stocks are still declining. There has been next to no land reform. Less than 300,000 live on private farms, producing 7 percent of the harvest, and many who tried it on their own have given up.

The major Western countries are standing by their support for Mr. Yeltsin, although it is getting harder for them to swallow and to justify to their tion by evil advisers, is irrelevant. In one publics. Chechnya is not the only issue, case he is to blame. In the other he although the most flagrant. There is friction on NATO, on ex-Yugoslavia, on Iraq, among others. Already last fall in Budapest, Mr. Yeltsin threatened a

"cold peace" in East-West relations.

Just a thought of the Cold War and how much it cost the West (in lives as well as money, wars in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, others fueled by East-West confrontation) makes clear how much is at stake in whether Russia is a democrat-

ic, friendly power or not.

As for Chechnya, the precedents of Puerto Rico and Quebec separatism give a hint of how democratic countries

can cope with threats to their territorial integrity. Those are more reasonable comparisons than the unconscionable parallel drawn to America's civil war

provoked by slavery.

It may still be possible for Moscow and Grozny to find a tolerable solution, and Grozny to find a toterable solution, but only after enough time has passed for a cooling of passions. It seems impossible, given his personal fury at defiance, for Boris Yeltsin to be the man to do it.

Grigori Yavlinsky, the young economist who wrote the reform program that Mikhail Gorbachev rejected and who is now head of the opposition Yabloko bloc, has called for Mr. Yeltsin's resigna-

tion. It is of the utmost importance at this

stage that constitutional procedure be

respected. A coup would be disaster. Under the current constitution, there is no vice president. If Mr. Yeltsin resigns, say, for health reasons, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin would become acting president, obliged to call elections within three months. Mr. Yeltsin would keep his place in history as Russia's first freely elected president. And he would prove his dedication to patriotism and. democracy at a time when his country so

badly needs advance to normalcy. If he waits to be toppled, that hope and more could be broken.

Tlora Lewis.

### Russia's Behavior, Not Yeltsin's Survival, Is the Main Concern

PARIS — Moscow's fiasco in the Caucasus is Washing-ton's as well. The Clinton administration, like the Bush administration before it, has bound the interests and commitments of the United States to the success of Boris Yeltsin's government in Moscow, so that Mr. Yeltsin's failure is necessarily Washington's failure.

It is difficult to understand how Washington can repeatedly make this error of hanging the national interest upon the suc-

cess of some foreign favorite.

It is a policy of hubris, certainly, expression of a convic-tion that Washington's support to an individual politician in another country makes a decisive difference for that politician, ft is a hubris which holds that the American government has a sufficiently subtle knowledge of the Russian scene to make discriminating judgments among those who have or seek power in there.

And it is a hubris which can. as here, produce the opposite of what it intends. The official Russian government newspaper, Mr. Yeltsin's newspaper, Rossiskaya Gazeta, wrote lest week that should have been to the values

By William Pfaff thanks to the controversy over Chechnya, Russia now is "disentangled from Washington's bondage" and free to make itself a superpower again.

American policy was intended to support democracy in Russia. Because Mr. Yeltsin seemed at the moment the most plausible defender of democratic values, the policy was turned into a policy of support for Mr. Yeltsin.

Once the commitment was made, it was continued even when Mr. Yeltsin did things that democrats do not ordinarily do. such as carry out a military assault on the Russian Parliament. It continues now - halfheartedly - while the Russian army attacks the citizens of what Russia maintains is one of its component republics. It obviously is in the interest

of America that democracy succeed in Russia. To recognize Mr. Yeltsin as the country's popularly elected leader and a plausible defender of democracy follows from that perception of interest. But Washington's commitment

and institutions of democracy in Russia, whoever the president might be. By making Mr. Yeltsin the focus and principal beneficiary of American policy, the United States committed itself

to a man rather than to a value. Democracy's success in Russia is not in any case the primordial interest the United States has with respect to that country. The principal American concern should be that Russia's international conduct be peaceful, unthreatening, respectful of international law and the international order. That Russia should also be a democracy is all the better, but that is not essential.

Democracies can have constructive and correct relations with countries which are not democracies - a very good thing. since there are a lot more nondemocracies than democracies. The argument much heard in Mr. Clinton's Washington (as in neoconservative Washington) that democracy and peace are essentially linked - that you can't have one without the other - is so much cant.

America's concern is with bow Russia acts in the world. It doesn't want to be threatened, and its interest is that Russia's neighbors not be made insecure or threatened either, since threats to them could provoke violence into which NATO and the Unit-

officers have condemned the attack on Grozny, or refused to take part in it. The press has shown robust independence despite the government's efforts to control it. This episode could prove a triumph for democranc forces in Russia rather than for those of repression, with whom President Yeltsin seems to have linked his future.

that it is committed to the integ-

rity of international borders in Europe, and is hostile to any act of international aggression or intimidation of an internationally recognized government. The United States owes that not only to the Baltic nations and the other recognized states formerly under Soviet domination, but to its own past. America fought the Cold War to obtain all the European nations' independence; it should make plain that this now is a settled oulcome, which it will defend.

There are certain advantages in being unspecific about how the West would defend it. However, Washington and the NATO allies need now to make contingency plans among themselves for what they could and should do under imaginable, if as yet improbable, threats to those on Russia's frontiers. The Russia that comes out of

this crisis may be in much better democratic shape than before Mr. Yeltsin's attack on Chechnya. What counts most for the United States, though, is what Russia does.

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### Mexico's Financial Crisis Is Political, and the Remedy Is Democracy

MEXICO CITY - Mexico's political crisis.

The economic reasons for the debacle are clear. In the wake of the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Salinas administration opened trade barriers. Imports shot way above exports, until currency reserves dwindled from a high of \$30 billion to a mere \$6 billion, and going fast. The economy became beholden foreign investment to sustain the peso's value and pay for exnding imports.

But foreign investment was mostly in the stock market and peculation. Only 15 percent was estined for the real economy: building plants, higher employment, higher productivity. As soon as investors realized that the peso's value was supported by nothing real, a crisis of confidence devel-oped. Capital fled, Mexico could no longer pay for its imports, and the peso was devalued

It is a recurring story. At the end

of each of their six-year terms. Presidents Luis Echeverria Alvarez (1976), José Lopez Portillo (1982) and Miguel de la Madrid (1988) had to devalue, leaving a more impoverished country than they had found. Each man bit the bullet, took harsh measures and sacrificed his popularity so that the incoming president could begin with a clean state and a measure of hope. President Carlos Salinas broke this golden rule of Mexican politics.

First, in an election year, he postponed the bitter decisions until after the August election.

Then his own personal agenda interfered, Mr. Salinas wishes to head the World Trade Organization, successor to GATT, and was warried that an economic crisis at home would bury his candidacy. Ernesto Zedillo, then presidentelect, urged him to devalue the peso by mid-November. Mr. Salinas was not swayed, and saddled

By Carlos Fuentes the incoming head of state with the burden of devaluation, loss of au-

thority and lack of popularity. Yet, I insist, the problem is political more than economic. None of this would have happened if two terms that are common in U.S. public law, "accountability" and "checks and balances," also had currency in Mexico. As a matter of fact, they are not even translatable into Spanish.

As Mexico goes from one traumatic succession to another, it is obvious that the vast powers and the margin of discretion of the executive are the root of the problem. The president acts outside the provinces of accountability and

without checks and balances. Furthermore, he governs with an ever smaller circle of friends and "technicians," many of them lvy League graduates for whom the economy happens on a blackboard, not to real people. These are elite groups more and more

sight. They promise the Adam Smith delinition of economics, the science of human happiness, and end up with Carlyle's pessimistic appraisal: the dismal science.

If we cannot have presidential

succession without national trauma in Mexico, it simply means that the system which more or less functioned between 1934 and 1968, offering development and social peace without democratic freedoms, is now over. It must be replaced by a mod-

ern democratic system in tune with the realities of a nation with 90 million people, a diversified economy, a vigorous middle class, an amazing cultural continuity -and 40 million human beings living in poverty.

Mr. Salinas played with the Gorbachev Ghost — if you have economic reform (perestroika) along with political reform (glasnost), you end up like the former U.S.S.R., divided. diminished and on your back.

This bogey should now be dis-pelled. Mexico must take the decisive step toward full democracy. Its government and parties should meet very soon and reach a contract for Mexico along the lines of the agreements made at the Moncloa Palace, in 1977, which allowed Spain to travel, without shocks, on the road from dictatorship to democracy. There art 10 commandments

for Mexican democracy. First is electoral reform. This includes the consecration of alternation in power, an independent electoral organism and clear rules on party access to funding and the media. Mexico

divorced from public opinion, real cannot go on bleeding itself in

cy in Mexico: a working federalism, a true division of powers, an electoral statute for Mexico City, and the rule of law through reform of the corrupt judiciary.
The media are the sixth. The

comedy of errors will never end if television -and Televisa, in particular - neither informs nor criticizes, limiting itself to parroting the presidential line.

The next three are human rights, respect for civil society and its organizations, and reform of security agencies to assure safety at the individual, public

Finally, a market economy the social sector.

If political reform is at the start of Mexico's solutions, at the end we are back in economics. The contract for Mexico must lead to a greater balance between healthy finances, growing production and higher salaries. We will achieve none of this if the principles of accountability and checks and balances are not forcefully set in place. But we also will not gain anything if the present climate of vengeance against Mr. Salinas is

Mexico should now devote itself to finding laws, rules of coexistence and tolerance, freedoms and agreements, so that our present troubles shall never come back to haunt us.

Mr. Fuentes, the novelist and poet, contributed this comment to The New York Times Syndicate.

### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO.

#### 1895: Hypnotic Lecture NEW YORK - The residents of

New Riegle, a small village thirty miles south of Toledo, are greatly excited over the doings of a man calling himself Professor Rock and claiming to be a hypnotist. He went to the village a few weeks ago and announced that he would deliver a lecture. Many of the villagers who had allended his lecture were in the streets afterwards hypnotizing one another. They claim to imagine themselves animals, demons, and even inanimate objects.

### 1920: The Chief Stays

PARIS — Interesting political questions are raised by M. Poincare's election as Senator for the Department of the Meuse, Many folk are asking whether the President of the Republic is eligible for clection to the Senate. As no law

renders the chief magistrate ineligible, his election is valid. And from the President's letter of thanks to his electors he accepts their mandate. M. Poincare will continue in office as President of the Republic until his full term has expired and will then proceed to the Senate.

#### 1945: Snow Battle PARIS - Street-fighting broke

out again yesterday [Jan. 12] in Paris but this time it was a citywide snow battle. The city awoke to find that four inches of snow had fallen, the first heavy fall of the winter and an unusually heavy fall for Paris. The result was an international battle. American forces were the first to enter the winter offensive; French soldiers soon joined in. The air was full of snow missiles. Some time after the war is ended there may be some official statements.

### Go for Chemical Disarmament Now

THE HAGUE — Two years ago this Friday in Paris. representatives of 130 states signed the Chemical Weapons Convention. Its aim is to rid the world forever of the horrors of chemical weapons - the blistering mustard gases, as effective in the Iran-Iraq war as in Flanders in World War I, and the even deadlier nerve gases, developed but not used in World War II, which devastated the Kurdish population in the

Iraqi city of Halabja in 1988. The convention, once in force, will create an international Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, or OPCW, charged with supervising the destruction of chemical weapons and related facilities in signatory states. It will also provide an inspection system to en-sure that the chemical industry, military or civilian, is not misused for purposes related to

chemical weapons. This is a genuine multilateral agreement, negotiated and concluded among equals, devel-oped and developing countries. It imposes equal obligations on all purties. As such, its sets the standards for others to follow. So, with the number of signa-

tories to the convention now at

159, where is the problem? It

lies in the actions needed to

bring the convention into effect.

ing of a treaty constitutes an

initial statement of intent to be-

In international law, the sign-

By Ian R. Kenyon

come bound by it. The more important step is reaffirmation of that intent through ratification by due constitutional process. In most countries this involves parliamentary approval.
In the case of the Chemical Weapons Convention, it will also require legisladve or offi-

cial action to enable the govern-

ment to implement its provi-

sions - for instance, to collect statistics from private companies or to grant access for inspectors to private property. The drafters of the convention provided for a minimum of two years between its opening for signature and its entry into force, to allow time for the establishment of the OPCW. They also set a requirement that 65

states should ratify the agree-ment six months before this could occur. The two years are up, but by the end of last year only 19 states had filed notice of ratifi-cation with the United Nations secretary-general.

Parliamentary processes and hurcaucratic preparations are well advanced in other countries. But in several important countries - in particular, the United States and Russia, the only acknowledged possessors of stockpiles of chemical weapons — progress is agonizingly slow and parliamentary atten-

It is vitally important that the additional ratifications be achieved this year. Early action by Russia and the United States, which ardently supported the negotiation of the con-

tion focuses on other priorities.

vention, and which entered into

important bilateral chemical weapons agreements in 1989 and 1990, will be crucial. Such action needs to include both ratification of the convention and enactment of the 1990 bilateral agreement, the verification provisions of which com-

plement the convention.
While the signing of the convention represented a major step toward eliminating the threat of chemical warfare, the convention must be brought into legal force soon for the world to reap its benefits.
Significant delay would en-

courage continued proliferation, increase temptation to develop new kinds of chemical weapons. and dissipate the political momentum to ban such weapons. The opportunity exists now to eliminate an entire class of weap ons of mass desiruction. The international community, led by the United States and Russia, should grasp this opportunity.

The writer is executive secretary of the preparatory commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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ed States could easily be drawn. One should not exaggerate the danger in the present situation. What has happened in Chechnya has actually brought out a formidable democratic opposition in Russia to what Mr. Yeltsin and his advisers are doing.

The army itself has split; high

Washington must now make it plain that the United States sees its future relations with Russia in terms of how Russia acts. It should make unmistakably plain

Four more articles of democra-

and national levels. with a social dimension and balance between the public and private sectors through developing

allowed to get out of hand.

# Thinking Outside the Dots About 1995 in Washington

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — Newt Ging-rich, fond as ever of futuristic management consultant-speak, ad-(or Bob Dole or Lamar Alexander). dressed the House Ways and Means Committee last week on the impor-tance of "thinking outside the dots."

This notion is also often rendered of their congressional majorities. as "thinking outside the box." The But if conflicts arise between the their preconceptions. If you want to change the way the world works, you often bave to abandon your

ideas about how the world works.
In that spirit, one would do well to consider some heretical thoughts about how Washington will work over the next year. The core principle: Things will be very different in netta, the White House chief of netta, the White House chief of netta. six months. Remember that at the beginning of 1994, President Bill Clinton was high in the polls.

best countercyclical thinkers in the Republican Party are already sounding cautionary alarms. William Kris-simpler now that the old arrangetol, the smart Republican strategist, ments no longer enjoy the protection theorizes that the Republicans could get into trouble in 1996 if they are seen by voters as being truly in charge of Washington. "We aren't governing yel," Mr. Kristol warns in his latest memo to the party. The danger for Republicans lies in doing anything that would let Mr. Clinton run an anti-Washington campaign against the Republican Congress.

Even if that seems preposterous, consider some other scenarios: Newt Gingrich as an ally of President Clinton.

Everything Mr. Gingrich says points to a strategy aimed at solidifying Repubbean control of Congress and the country, which means he wants Mr. Clinton defeated in 1996. It is not that simple because Mr. Gingrich will face difficult choices. He needs to demonstrate that his new majority made some noticeable progress in doing the things it set out to do. If Mr. Clinton sets the poce for enacting a middle-class tax cut as eliminating or gutting a capital gains tax cut, Mr. Gingrich may want to pay it, even if the Senate leader, Bob Dole, does not. Otherwise, Mr. Gingrich would be seen as holding up benefits for the middle class simply to get a capital gains cut that is not high on the priority list of fed-up swing voters. Mr. Gingrich, moreover, has been talking about cooperating with Vice President Al Gore's

reinventing government mavens.

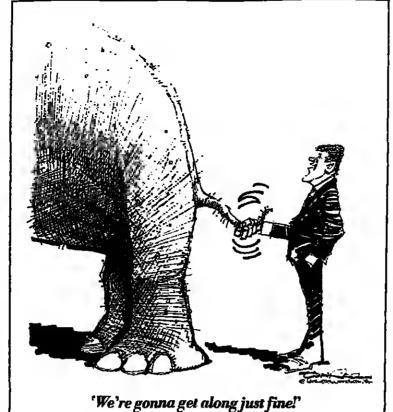
There is also what you might call a Freudian-Machiavellian point here: Mr. Gingrich is now the most important Republican in America. Unless he wants to run for president just a year from now - bet against it - he witz, Jan. 27 marks the raising in 1944

No. Mr. Gingrich won't try to re-elect Mr. Clinton; a Clinton victory could help deprive the Republicans

which way Mr. Gingrich will tilt?

• The inevitable fights between Mr. Clinton and congressional Democrats.
The flip side of the above is also true: Mr. Clinton's interests will not always be the same as Dick Gepstaff, admitted last month that some Clinton initiatives may be easier to pass now that Democrats do not Bear in mind, also, that some of the control Congress. That is true: Reof Democratic committee and subcommittee chairs. And some in the Clinton circle blame congressional Democrats for November's results as least as bitterly as the folks on Capitol Hill blame the White House.

The dance between the Clintonites and Democrats in Congress will be complicated, of course. Mr. Clinton needs Democratic support to sustain vetoes. Democrats need some unifying points of attack and some unifying proposals if they are to win 22 months from now, Democrats will not retake Congress if Mr. Clinton gets clobbered. Still, each side may have to sell the other out from time to time -and, barder yet,



accept that as political reality. • Today's winning issues become

omorrow's losers. Health care was the dream issue 1993, the catastrophe of 1994. Who knows if a modest health reform plan might not be a winner in 1995? Republican obstruction of popular reforms carries a higher

price now than it did. Politically, Bill Kristol was right when he told Republicans to buck the apparent mood and block health reform. Democrats will need to make

similarly gutsy calls on turkeys such as the budget amendment, some of the Republicans' welfare schemes, and extreme "regulatory reform" measures designed to gut environmental and safety regulations.

It is possible, of course, that one side or the other in the coming battles will get its strategy exactly right and foreclose all these complicating possibilities. But even if you are still inside those dots (or that box), I bet you don't believe that.

The Washington Post.

### They Sent Up Everything They Had

MELBOURNE — As 1945 began and World War II in the Pacific moved toward its climax, the U.S. Joini Chiefs of Staff pondered where to strike next, while the Japanese High Command hunted desperately for any weapon that might

halt the American advance.

General Douglas MacArthur's landing at Leyte in October 1944 had installed U.S. forces firmly in the southern Philippines. With his eye on Manila, the general had argued that the next stepping stone on the way to Tokyo should be a landing on the northern Philippine island of Luzon. Admiral Ernest J. King, the U.S. chief of naval opera-tions, preferred Formosa (now Taiwan), to be followed by a landing at Amoy on the Chinese mainland.

Just before the Levie landing the U.S. joint chiefs instructed General MacArthur to be ready to invade U.S. commander in chief for the Pacific, was ordered to prepare to take Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Meanwhile, something extraordinary, almost surreal, was happening in Japan. Tens of thousands of schoolchildren were put to work to glue pieces of paper together, out of which huge balloons were fashioned to carry incendiary bombs on prevailing winds across the Pacific to the coast of North America. The aim was to cause huge forest fires.

The envelope of the balloons was made of four or five pieces of mulberry paper, each about the tbickness of cigarette paper. They were bonded with a paste made of flour.

Sections of paper were cemented together to form an almost perfect sphere about 33 feet (11 meters) in diameter. A metal valve with a rubber diaphragm maintained just the right pressure to prevent the balloon from By Denis Warner

exploding should it rise too high. A that trailed from the balloon.

From November 1944 to the end of June 1945, more than 160 of these balloons, including three of rubberized silk, were recovered on the U.S.

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mainland in Hawaii. Canada, Mexico and at sea. Almost 9,000 balloons were launched from Japan in the six

months to April 1945.

One balloon with hombs landed near Grand Rapids, Michigan, Another was found near the lumber village of Bly in Oregon. Accidentally detonated, it killed a fisherman. If the Japanese balloons caused

Luzon. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. any forest fires, they were not recorded. But the propaganda stories that accompanied their launch were doubtless designed to raise morale in Japan, where people were told that bomb-laden balloons, manned by death-defying pilots, would soon attack the United States.

four times as large as an American B-29 bomber, was supposedly to be used for suicide attacks against the U.S. mainland. Farfetched though it seemed, the story had a basis in fact. As early as 1942, the Japanese Army bad tested a twin-engine aircraft, the Tachikawa Ki-77, which had a calculated range of 11,185 miles (18,150 kilometers).

The plane was designed to fly non-stop from Tokyo to New York. However, only two prototypes were built. One disappeared over the Indian Ocean in an attempt to fly nonstop from Singapore to Berlin. The other, on a test flight over a triangular circuit in Mancburia, covered a distance of 10,212 miles in the summer of 1944, remaining aloft for 57 bours.
Officially fabricated stones circu-

lated in Japan about an atomic discharge to be used against enemy aircraft. It was supposed to have a paralyzing effect on the plane. Another weapon, described by the daily Asahi Shimbun in futuristic terms, was to be a laser-like light beam that illuminated and destroyed.

If the propaganda about Japanese weapons was grossly exaggerated, the reality, as the Allies were to learn, was still awesome. Despite every precaution, the U.S. Navy expected a rough passage on its way to land General MacArthur's forces in the Lingayen Gulf off northern Luzon early in January 1945. But it did not anticipate anything quite as rough as it got.

Kamikaze attack planes nearly broke Allied morale and forced abandonment of the operation. The 164 ships in the landing force and its load of incendiary bombs hung on 19 escorts had passed virtually undisstroud lines, each about 40 feet long, turbed by Japanese air attacks, until they passed through the Surigao Strait into the Sulu Sea off the southern Philippines. Then, at dinner time on Jan. 4, a lone raider closed in on the U.S. freighter Omaney Bay be-

fore anyone saw it.

The kamikaze dived, struck the open bridge and crashed into the starboard side of the deck. American aircraft stored there, loaded with fuel, caught fire. One of the suicide plane's 500-pound bombs, with a delayed-action fuse, went through the deck to the hangar below, where it exploded. Another bomb penetrated to the second platform deck and went off as an alarm sounded belatedly through the ship.

Every aircraft on the hangar deck was loaded with fuel and bombs. The entire area exploded in flames. An hour after the Omaney Bay had been hit, torpedoes it was carrying also exploded, raining debris on a destroyer picking up burned and

ounded men from the sea Many new weapons were rumored to be be a sax-engine plane
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Con for other suicide planes, the ship was deliberately sunk by torpedo. The human losses: 93 killed and

missing, and 65 wounded. For the next two days, kamikazes rained down on the Allied force, inflicting heavy damage and losses on nine ships, including the U.S. battleship New Mexico. Many other allied vessels suffered lesser damage and casualues. Lieutenant General Herbert Lumsden, Churchill's personal liaison officer at General MacArthur's headquarters, was killed with Captain R. W. Fleming, the commanding officer, when the New Mexico was hit on Jan, 6. One of Austra-lia's largest warships, the beavy cruiser Australia, was hit repeatedly by kamikazes and forced to retire.

Shock and dismay spread through the Allied amphibious force, prompting Rear Admiral Jess B. Oldendorf. fresh from his brilliant success against the Japanese fleet in the battle of Leyte Gulf, to recommend that the Luzon invasion be reconsidered.

However, fortune then smiled on the Allies. With success in its grasp, the Japanese Navy in the Philippines ran out of planes. The remaining suicide pilots, with nothing left to fly, took to the hills to fight as infantry.

The writer, who covered the war in the Pacific for Australian and British newspapers, is co-author with Peggy Warner of "The Sacred Warriors, Japan's Suicide Legions." He contributed this comment to the Interna-tional Herald Tribune.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Remember Auschwitz

Jan. 27 marks the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Ausebwitz. As a small memorial to the millions of people exterminated there, and of the way they were transported to their deaths, could we not put up signposts every 100 kilometers along the principal railway lines that

look them there? It would be good to have many such signposts in place by the year 2000 to remind us, amid our millennial celebrations, that it was Christian indifference, if not prejudice, that allowed the Holocaust to happen.

It would also be good if, by the year 2000, Jan. 27 became a Europewide day of Holocaust remembrance. In addition to the liberation of Auschof the siege of Leningrad, during which nearly a million people died from shelling or starvation,

RAYMOND LLOYD.

### Don't Give In on Bosnia

How very different life would be today if, after Dunkirk, the Americans had imposed an arms embargo on the British, made empty threats to the Germans and declared that the situation on the ground was unwinnable and that the British should sue for peace and shut up. For consistency, look to the French, who preached capitulation in the face of armed aggression then, and still do now.

#### A Tree Burns in Alsace

The People column of Dec. 28 reports the setting afire of Christ-mas trees at Rockefeller Center in New York and says that no such custom "has been discovered" in France, Last June, the David Brown group, of which I am a director, purchased a firm in the Alsalian city of Thann. Our chief executive, Chris Brown, attended Thann's annual festival, which commemorates the sighting of the "miraculous" hurning of three pine trees by the local pairon saint. The festival is called La Cremation des Sapins, and the burning of pine trees is, in fact, part

JOHN C. MOWINCKEL London.

#### ADAM EDWARDS. Brussels.

### Pushing Back Hudson Bay

Regarding "American Heritage -Gift" (Nov. 9) by Fred Barbash; This report was unclear about the Hudson's Bay Company. It was founded in the 17th century, 1670, and did not begin the continent's international fur trade, but exploited it. BRAD WRIGHT.

St.-Cloud, France.

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### **BOOKS**

### THE BLACK BOOK

By Orhan Pamuk. Translated from Turkish by Guneli Gun. 400 pages. \$25. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

Reviewed by Richard Eder

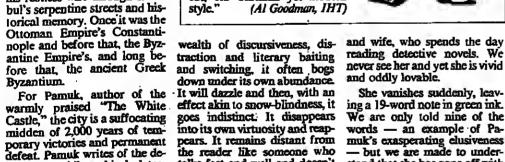
T N "The Black Book," Orhan Pamuk's braided mysteries coil around the story of a plodding busband who searches for his restless wife through Istanbul's serpentine streets and hislorical memory. Once it was the Ottoman Empire's Constantinople and before that, the Byzantine Empire's, and long before that, the ancient Greek Byzantium.

midden of 2,000 years of temporary victories and permanent pears. It remains distant from defeat. Pamuk writes of the defeat. His philosophical detective story is an evocation of the crippled consciousness and destructive reflexes of his fellow Turks: beirs of a traditional Eastern society, and engaged for three-quarters of a century in a Westernizing project that still has not taken root.

### WHAT THEY'RE READING

 Carlos Falco, Spain's Marques de Grinon, is reading, "España. La Segunda Transición, by Jose Maria Aznar, the leader of Spain's main conservative op-

common to European democra-cies, others intrinsically Spanish. They are exposed, along with the proposed solutions, in a clear-cut, old Castilian yet modern style." (Al Goodman, IHT)



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By Alan Truscott

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Galip's quest is partly human and mostly allegorical. He is an undistinguished lawyer desperately in love with Ruya, his

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traction and literary baiting and switching, it often bogs never see her and yet she is vivid and oddly lovable. She vanishes suddenly, leaving a 19-word note in green ink.

We are only told nine of the words - an example of Pamuk's exasperating elusiveness
— but we are made to understand that she has gone off with her half-brother Jelal, to whom she has always been attracted. In the quest, Ruya is all but

lost sight of; the real quarry is Jelal, Istanbul's most celebratchildren, when Galip and Ruya played bide-and-seek Ruya would never try to find him but **BRIDGE** go off instead to meet Jelal.

The book proceeds by alternate chapters. One set tells of club, Sonth ruffs, cashes the Galip's search; the other conclub king and ruffs a club. Then tains Jelal's writings. Gradually the two converge; finally Galip and Jelal will also converge. Eventually Galip will be living ruffs, since dummy has spade and Ruya has dwindled. Eventarily comes down to earth, as it were, and lets himself grieve.

There is a bravura chapter in which Jelal writes of the Bosporus drained, and sedimentary layers of history turning up in the pestilential muck. There are the skeletons of galley slaves chained to their boats, the skeletons of crusaders atop their skeleton borses, sackfuls of the sultan's courtiers fallen out of favor, strangled and ditched, an entire German battleship and a white Cadillac belonging to a rich ganester.

To be oneself, to reject outside influences: a national ob-session that, for Pamuk, leads nowhere. Galip, bowever, illustrates an opposite national obsession. He wants only to be someone else; be wants only to be the powerful and glamorous Jelal, free of narrow Turkish prejudices and sought out by foreign journalists and television teams as their sophisticated interlocutor. He wants above all to have the power that Jelal wields: to control the universe by writing about it. By the end, he has to all intents and pur-Ruya's byes, he has shown signs of abdicating his power and seeking something more an-

What that will be, this intriguing, overnourished and maddeningly private attempt at a public novel, doesn't say. All we have to hold on to, at the end, is Galip remembering Ruya and the game they once played. They would try to describe what a day would be like when they reached the age of 73. Now, alone, Galip lives out that day in his imagination.

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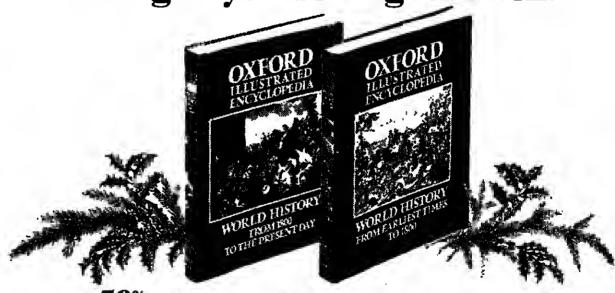
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### samples of work shown there, as well as a view of a workshop. Art for Children, on the Road

By Kate Singleton

A children's book illustration

northern Italy. Here are some

center is flourishing in Sarmede in

ARMEDE, fully — The long dark ARMEDE, ftaly — The long dark evenings of winter once hummed and crackled with the doings of beaky witches, fat slob ogres, princes (good and bad), princesses (always good and often sad: no wonder Prince Charles elicits less sympathy than Princess Di), magic fish, dwarfs, minstrels, swans, peacocks mills cals mice Such are the peacocks, gulls, cats, mice. Such are the creatures that have populated children's

tales since time immemorial.
Until the spread of TV, you say with a sigh as you try to turn the volume down over your transfixed offspring's heads so

that you can hear what you're reading.

Despite the spread of TV, a chorus of voices would chant gleefully from the tiny fairy-tale town of Sarmede, tucked in among the mountains north of Treviso. And herein lies a small secular miracle of the sort children's stories are usually about

In the space of a decade Sarmede has become the international center for illustrators specializing in children's books and the source of an exhibition many major European cities, attracting

parents and children. This is largely due to the ideas and enthusiasm of Stepan Zavrel, a Pragueborn illustrator long resident at Sarmede

who got the first exhibition off the ground in 1983. Soon the IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People) and Unicef were involved, along with a re-search group from the University of Padua specializing in children's literature. By 1989 a sponsor had come forward (Stefanel, the clothing manufacturers), and two years later the exhibitions began to tour. Meanwhile, a summer school for children's book illustrators has brought aspiring artists and fable-tellers to Sarmede from all over the world, giving new impulse to ancient traditions and promoting future generations of, yes, literacy, no

The 12th edition of "Le Immagini della Fantasia" (Images of Fantasy) is about to leave Sarmede for Treviso (Casa dei Carraresi, Jan. 27-Feb. 26). From there it will go to Ljuhljana and then to Essen, the first stops in a long international itinerary that often includes workshops for children.

This year the exhibition comprises a general section featuring the works of artists from central and western Europe. Canada and South Africa. The variety of subject matter and techniques illustrated (from extraordinarily versatile use of watercolor to tempera, acrylic paints, engrav-

ing, collage) is truly remarkable. This is also encouragingly true in the second section of the exhibition, devoted

to the work of artists from China, Japan, Taiwan and Vietnam. Not so many years ago local artistic traditions in these countries were practically smothered by imported stereotypes of largely American origin. This is clearly no longer so. Even the tales told speak for renewed pride and interest in a local beritage. To wit: The paintings on silk by Le Lam of Vietnam to illustrate "King of Mice," the dynamism of his warrior figures and fiery borses; or the tortoises and bright swirling fish painted in tempera by Feng Jiannan of

The third section of the show is a homage to the work of Firuzeh Golmohammadi, the Iranian artist who is considered to be the foremost interpreter of the current renaissance in Persian miniaturist

OR many years she directed the magazine Zan-e Rooz (Woman Today) and is clearly a person of remarkable vision and ability in handling detail. There is a magnificent royal procession painted using a mixture of different techniques that embodies all lar gifts. It is an illustration for the tale of "The jackal who fell into the paint vat" and features haldachin bearers. mounted and foot soldiers, dignitaries and trumpeters, all of whom emerge from an



almost damasked background. Without amost damasked background, without actually having to specify the richness of their attire, the artist thus manages to conjure up the impression of splendid brocades, which are of course essentially Middle Exercise vertiles.

dle Eastern textiles. The technique of suggesting detail rather than defining it is a particularly subtle one since it leaves so much space for active involvement on the part of the beholder. Children are thus able to develop and enjoy the fruits of their own imaginations. And so are adults. Which is what the

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# The Rare and the Raw In Bangkok Market

In the Chatuchak's Teeming Maze, You Can Buy, and See, Anything

By Andrew Ranard

ANGKOK - It is most rare. ANGKOK — It is most rare. Nothing makes sense in Bangkok, nor is anything supposed to make sense, and this both rattles and engages the fumes of imagination. It is not impossible to see hill-tribe people from northern Thailand bringing their wares to market in Bangkok on the backs of elephants, the creatures lumbering through rush-bour traffic down Sukhumit Road, a main thoroughfare. And then there's that prophetic story about the Bangkok city cop who lost his senses dur-Bangkok city cop who lost his senses during one of the city's traffic jams and began dancing in the middle of the street.

What to call the Chatuchak Market?

It's an outdoor-indoor market, but it is also an anarchic whirlpool of the city's classes and tastes — its vulgarities and refinements, its tide of fascinations, its ultimate indifferences, and its sacrosanct niches of respect. At Chatuchak almost anything can be purchased: from pots and pans to Bangkok's ubiquitous pirated tapes; from watercolors to Doberman pinschers; from faded American Levi's (or so claimed) to Roman-esque nude statuary. There are shops that sell portraits of royalty and famous monks and others where tree stumps and old wooden wagon wheels (decoration for the garden) are thrown together in a jungle pile all the way to the ceilings.

You cannot see all of Chatuchak in one day. It is a maze of 6,000 tiny sbops in a grid of alleys under tents, winding into knots, like a neighborhood of the city unto itself, even though it is open only on Saturdays and Sundays. Thus, if there were a method to doing Chatuchak, to conquering it in one outing, it would mean malking sound and country discrete circumstances. walking round and round in dizzying cir-cles, and seeing half of it three or four times. Chatucbak remains the Himalaya of marketplaces - unconquered, never completely discovered, exhilarating and potentially treacherous.

What you discover on any weekend is determined by luck and accident. The crowds of 100,000, the policemen with sidearms and the long-haired toughs in sunglasses and camouflage outfits will be there next week, but will the beggar praying to the gnarled tree that sits at the edge of the warren? You may run across the Prince of Hawkers—the guy who wears a cut-off T-shirt, a bandanna around his forehead and stands on a table above the crowd, dancing to heavy rock and flog-ging shirts at \$4 a whack.

But what about the madwoman? The madwoman jumps off a van Gogh canvas, from his early dark years when he did those portraits of Dutch peasants. Her skin is the texture of baked leather, her jowls are heavy, her eyes dance a rhapsody of swirling merriment. In the sorcerer's hands, she holds a small wild squirrel. The animal has sharp vicious

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teeth, and she reaches into its mouth with nail clippers and with lightning-quick fe-rocity snips off its teeth. She hands the hloodied animal to a customer. Proudly. The eyes keep dancing, to a symphony

only she can hear.

Later, I jostle into a man who has a Later. I jostle into a man who has a snake wrapped around his arm—a black one with red circles around it— right there in the middle of the swarming crowd. Is he selling it or showing off? Around the corner from him is the shop that sells endangered species.

A sign on the shop reads like a threat:
"No Photo, No Video." The owner is selling snakes from Africa and Argentina (a python), rare birds and a star tortoise from Sri Lanka. A hlue and yellow macaw is going for 30,000 baht (about \$1,200) and the star tortoise is 1,200

"Why so cheap?" I ask of the star tor-

"Not so rare," the owner says.

T is difficult to feel outrage. One comes to Chatuchak, after all, to witness the rare, in the wildest and most untamed metropolis of Asia.

To one end of the market, there are two cafes. One is air-conditioned. It is as if somebody bad decided to open up a Mc-Donald's or a Tiffany's here. In the air-conditioned cafe, Thai oldie-but-goldie re-cord album covers are tacked to the wall, and in the other cafe, old company advertising signs hang from the ceiling: Schlieper tools, Karpol car polish, Toyo

tires, Kingfisher cigarettes. tires, Kingfisher cigarettes.

It is bere, in the two cafes, that one finds
Bangkok's rarest of classes, rare in the
sense of snobbery, the young bourgeoisie,
wearing faded old Levi's, sipping coffee
and tea. It doesn't make sense, but that
doesn't mean one doesn't yearn for revelation. How would Renoir have rendered this scene?

Andrew Ranard writes at large from Southeast Asia.

American cultural imperialism knows no bounds: Asia's second "Ripley's Believe It or Not!" museum is opening this month in the Thai resort of Pattaya, about 110 kilometers southeast of Bangkok, and will include, AP tells us, a 15-foot-wide tire and a wax replica of a man with two irises in each eye. The Florida-based company plans to open two other museums in Asia this year, in Indonesia and in the Philippines. There's no ighting the American way

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like a dream divorce, they agree about everything, dine together; in fact, they have never gotten along so well. But after mariage à la mode, the director examines the lower depths of modern divorce. Romain starts to cook up insidious stories, hinting that Jeanne is unfit to raise the child, spreading the insinuations to her parents, friends and boss. He is going around the bend and wants

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to take her with bim. Since she is an innocent, Jeanne never grasps what is bappening, which provides the rocky narration — strong scenes, followed by moments of silly sitcom - with suspense. Anne Brochet's creation of a touching and credible beroine saves the pacing from breakdown. Brochet is both fresb and mature; she carries berself -and this movie - with the grace of Ingrid Bergman. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Little Women Directed by Gillian Arm-strong, U.S.

"Some books are so familiar reading them is like being home again," Jo March observes in the new film version of Louisa May Alcoit's classic novel. She's talking about Shakespeare, hut we all know "Little Women" is a book like that, one of the most seductively nostalgic novels any child ever discovers. As the gold standard for American girlhood, it lingers in our



From left, Claire Danes, Trini Alvarado and Winona Ryder in "Little Women."

tion from the opening frame. There in Concord, Massa-

chusetts, are the March girls

and their noble Marmee,

gathered around the bearth

for a heart-rendingly quaint

Christmas Eve. Stirring up a

flurry of familial warmth,

Armstrong instantly demon-

strates that she has caught

the essence of this book's

sweetness and cast her film

uncannily well, finding spar-

kling young actresses who are

exactly right for their famous

roles: Winona Ryder as Jo.

Kirsten Dunst as Amy, Trini Alvarado as Meg and Claire Danes as Beth. The effect is

magical. And for all its un-

imaginable innocence, the

story has a touching natural-

ness this time. The direction

hy Armstrong, who long ago summoned memories of "Lin-

tle Women" with "My Brilliant Career" (1978), is senti-

mental without heing

saccharine., and she reinvents

"Little Women" for present-

day audiences without ever

forgetting it's a story with a past. (Janet Muslin, NYT)

La Reina de la Noche

strong's enchantingly pretty film is so potent that it prompts a rush of recogni-

collective consciousness as a

wistful, inspiring memory.

Ladies, get out your hand-

hemmed handkerchiefs for

the loveliest "Little Women"

ever on screen. Gillian Arm-

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Directed by Arturo Ripstein.

For those who think that life passes hy too quickly, this film is the perfect antidote.

It moves at such an excruciatingly slow pace that one can't be faulted for wondering if the tormented protagonist will ever find peace and the movie will end. (It finally does, after 117 min-utes.) Slow films can be magnificent, but not with a script like the one written by Paz Alicia Gracia Diego.
The opening credit says the plot is the "imaginary biography" of the sentimental life of Lucha Reyes, who was a popular singer in Mexico City in the '40s. The fantasy might be credible if it engaged the viewer with dia-logue or emotion, but instead the sad tale of a singer hopelessly seeking tove, or perhaps just thrills, goes nowhere. The singer's domineering mother and the other characters lack enough of an edge in all the key mo ments. The action too often consists of the cast smoking cigarettes, and the occasion al cigar. Arturo Ripstein manages to squeeze in a few unusual scenes, like the erre lovemaking hetween the singer and her boyfriend on a cabaret piano. The keyboard hangs out minus passion. But the director goes overboard on moody sequences shot with mirrors. (Al Goodman, IHT).

### GUIDE

#### AUSTRIA

Vienna Konstlerhaus, lei: (1) 52-177-404, Konstierhaus, let: [1] 52-1/7-404, open daily. To Jan. 29: "Agyptomane: Agypten und das Abendland." Emphasizes the influence of ancient Egyptian art on 18th- and 19th-century European Art and Design.

#### BELGIUM

### Antwerp and Ghent

De Vlaamse Opera, let: (3) 233-66-85 (Antwerp) and (9) 225-24-25 (Gheni). Gounod's "Romeo et Juliette." Directed by Nicolas Joel, conducted by Cyrll Diederich, with Mary Mills, Marte-Ange Todorovitch and Gregory Kunde. In Ghent Jan. 27, 29 and Feb. 2; in Antwerp Feb. 9, 11 and 17.

# Brussels Musée Royal de l'Armée, tel: (2) 733-4493, closed Monday. To May 14: "J'avais 20 ans en 1945." In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Belgium, this exhibition displays memorabilia, historical documents and films to honor those that lought and died in World War II.

#### BRITAIN

Scottish National Portrait Gallery, 1et: (31) 332-2266, open daily. Continuing/To Feb. 26: "Sir James Gunn." Features formal and intimate portraits, as well as oif sketches oil beach scenes and contemporary life, by the Glaswegian artist.

Lendon

British Library, tel: (71) 323-7111, open daily."Let there be Light: William Tyndale and the Making of the English Bible." To Feb. 19: In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the birth of William Tyndale, this exhibition traces the life and work of the first man to translate and print the Bible in English. (n) Bible in English.

British Museum, tel: (71) 323-8525, open daily. Recently opened permanent gallery dedicated to the art and culture of ancient Mexico. Features exhibits from more than 3,000 years exhibits from more than 3,000 years of pre-Hispanic history, including the Dimec, Mayan, and Aztec periods. Royal Opera House at Covent Garden, lei: (71) 240-1066. Mozart's "Cost Fan Tutte." Directed by Jonathan Miller, conducted by Evellind Picto, with Tim Blazzdell, Jackie Galloway, Andrew Jameson and Colin Maxell, Jan. 18, 23, 25, 28, and 31. Tate Gallery, tet: (71) 887-8000, open daily. Continusing/To Feb. 12: "From Gainsborough to the Pre-Ra-"From Gainsborough to the Pre-Ra"From Gainsborough to the Pre-Raphaelltes: Works on Paper." A selection of British watercolors which Includes lendscapes by Turner,
drawings by Rossetti and engravings
by Stubbs.

### CZECH REPUBLIC

Prague
Wallenstein Riding School, tel: (2)
53-68-14, closed Mondays, Contin-uing/To March: "Antonin Chitussi." Features the works of the 19th-century Czech landscapist. Chitussi started as a historical and genre painter and turned to landscape while in Paris.

### DENMARK

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The Royal Danish Opera, tel: 33-32-20-20. Mozart's "Die Entfehrung aus dem Sereil." Directed by Jean-Claude Auvray, conducted by Jane Glover, with Jorma Sylvasti, Susan Patterson/ Lena Nordin, and Inger Dam-Jensen/ Djina Mai-Mai, Jan. 16 20, 22, 25 and Feb. 8, 13, 16 and 24.

Musée Dapper, 1el: (1) 45-00-01-50, open daily. Continuing/To March 13: "Dogon." 90 works representing the diversity of art cree the Dogon ethnic group in Mali. Fea-tures seated and equestrian figures, as well as masks and accessories

sculpted in wood. Musée des Arts Décoratifs, tel: 44-55-57-50, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To April 30: "Reves d'al-coves." The bedroom, symbol of inti-macy, of life and death, and of pain and sufferms is benevat in this such! Hugh Lane Municipal Gailery of Modern Art, tel: (1) 872-2182, closed . Continuing/To Jan. 22: and suffering, is honored in this exhi-

bition.
Musée-Galerie de la Seita, tel: (1)
45-56-60-18, closed Sundays. Continuing/To Feb. 25: "Pascin, 18851930." More than 100 paintings and drawings by one of the leaders of the Ecole de Montparriasse in the 1920s. Musée Marmottan-Claude Monet, el: 42-24-07-02, closed Mondays. oct 28 To Jan. 29: "Chefs-d'Oeuvre du Palals du Belvedere de Vienne: De Weldmoller e Klimt." Documents Austrian painting in the 19th century, with works by Klimt, Schiele, Ko-koschka, Waldmoller, Richard Gersti Pavillon des Arts, tel: 42-33-82-50,

### CIOSING SOOM

On Jan. 15: "Gauguin: Les XX et la Libra Estheilque." Salle Saint-Georges, Liège. On Jan. 15: "Japanese Imperial

Museum, London. On Jan. 15: "Making and Meaning: The Young Michelangelo." National Gallery, London. On Jan. 15: "Alex Colville: Peintures, Estampes et Processus Creatifs, 1983-1994." Ecole Nationale des,

Beaux-Arts, Paris. On Jan. 15: "Zierde for Ewige Zelf: Des Perikopenbuch Helnrichs II." Bayerisches National Museum, Munich.
On Jan. 15: "Gianfranco Ferroni: An-

tologica." Galleria Comunale d'Arte Moderna, Bologna. On Jan. 15: "J. Kutter." Musée National d'Histoire et d'Art, Luxembourg. On Jan. 15: "Odition Redon: Prince of

Dreams." Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam.
On Jan. 15: "Tradition and Innovacontury." Nasjonalgalleriet, Oslo.
On- Jan. 15: "Gauguin and tha
School of Port-Aven." Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore.
On Jan. 18: "Autour de Poussin."
Musée du Louvre, Parls.
On Jan. 18: "Salvador Dalf: The Early

the century are represented by more than 150 paintings. Includes interiors by Bonnard and Vuilland, still first from Cezanne to Odillon Redon, landscapes from van Goot to Validition and portraits from Gauguin to Matisse. MONACO

A Dogon wood sculpture from Mali, on view in Paris.

ings in the New York subways. His

Palazzo Ducale, tel: (10) 591-106, closed Mondays. To Jan. 29: "Marc Chegalf e il suo Mondo tra Vitabsk e Parigi." The works ereated by Cha-galf between 1908 and 1918 illustrate

the Influence of Russian Judaism on the painter. Also includes works by

Mitsokushi Museum, tel: (3) 3854-1111, open daily. Continuing/To Jan. 22: "Rene Magritta." 70 oil paintings and 120 sketches, sculp-tures and other art works by the Bel-

tel: (3) 3828-5131, elosad Mondays. To March 5: "German Woodcuts of the Reformation Age." 18th-century

German prints from the Gotha city

museum in Germeny, Including

works by Dorer and Cranach, as well as political and religious satires.

Casino Luxembourg, tel: (352) 22-50-45, closed Mondays. To March 26: "Luxe, Calme et Volupte: Re-gards sur le Post-Impressionisme." Major artistic themes of the turn-of-

gian Surrealist painter

LUXEMBOURG

National Museum of Wes

contemporaries such as Leon Ba Robert Falk and El Lissitzky.

high-tech objects.

Bologna

JAPAN

closed Mondays. To Jan. 29; "Andre Kertesz: Le Double d'une Vie." More

than 200 photographs, 25 in color, covering French, American and Hun-

garian topics. The exhibition will trav-el to Tokyo.

Brocke-Museum, tel: (30) 832-20-

29, closed Tuesdeys. Continu-ing/To Feb. 26: "Ench Heckel: 82

Neuerwerbungen Zeichnungen und

Aquarelle." A selection of drawings and watercolors by the German Ex-

pressionist artist, one of the tounders

Museum für Angewandte Kunst, tel: (221) 221-6714, closed Mon-day. To April 9: "Plakatkunst: Von Toulouse-Lautrec bis Benetton." More than 300 posters from numer-

ous countries outline the develop-ment of thematic posters during the

hibition of the works of the French painter, who started as a Cubist efter meeting with Gris and Delaunay, and

then turned to painting from nature in the 1920s. After World War II, Hay-den's style evolved toward a combi-

Tel Aviv Museum of Art, tel: (3)

696-1297; open daily. Continu-ing/To March 18: "Keith Haring." A

Cologne

IRELAND

ISRAEL

Monte Carlo Opéra de Monte-Carlo, tel: 92-16-22-99. Verdi's "Rigoletto." Directed by Lorenzo Mariani, conducted by by Lorenzo Manani, conscensional Bruno Campenella, with Leo Nucci, Tino Beltran, Alexandrine Pendatchanska and Giacomo Prestia. Jan 20, 22 and 24.

#### METHERLANDS

Amsterdam Amsterdam
Rijksmuseum, tel: (20) 679-81-46, elosed Mondays. Continuing/To Feb. 26: "The Art of Devotion, 1300-1500." Features 50 late-medieval objects of privata devotion, such as paintlings, miniatures, prints and wood carvings. Among the artists represented are Mantegna and Memling.

#### POLAND

Warsaw
The National Museum, tel: (2) 6211031, closed Mondays. To Feb. 19:
"The Collection of Boleslaw and Lina Nawrocki." Works from the Nawrocki collection, including 300 palmings, watercolors and drawings by Mele Muter. Also features works by Leopold Gottlieb, Alicie Hallicka and other Polish palmers who spent some Polish palmers who spent some er Polish painters who spent some time in Pans in the early 20th century.

#### SPAIN

can Ahamira, 1el: (3) 424-3809, open daily. To March 15: "Homenatge alls animalers." This sculpture homage, in the gardens of Can Atlamira, includes artists such as Javier Mariscal, the versatile designer of the Cobi Mascot for the 1992 Olympic Cannes Ales ledited as water has the cold trade of the community. Games. Also Included are works by Dominica Sanchez, the winner of this year's Jackson Pollock Prize, and six lite-size iron bulls made by Manel

#### SWEDEN

Gothenburg
Eriksbergshallen, tel: (31) 779-1111, open daily. Continuing/To Feb.
19: "Leonardo da Vinci: Universal Genius." Drawings, manuscripts and paintings document the life and work of Leonardo da Vinci, Including models of a bridge, a parachute, e tank and a stamping machine made to the specifications of the Renaissance man.

Nationalmuseum, tel: (8) 666-4250,closed Mondays. To Jan. 29: "Tactile Art; Seeing by Touch." An exhibition of paintings which have been converted into reliefs, to give the blind and partially sighted an op-portunity to discover some of Swe-den's most famous artists. Centered on the thame of human beings, the exhibition is comprised of three tac-tile images and 12 sculptures.

#### SWITZERLAND

Grand Theatre, tel: (22) 311-22-18. "Nabucco," directed by François Rochaix, conducted by Fabio Luisi, with Gregory Yurisich and Elizabeth Connell. Feb. 1, 4, 7, 10 and 13.

#### UNITED STATES

Houseum of Fine Arts, tel: (713) 639-7500, closed Mondays. To Feb. 12: "Postwar Art-From the Museum's Collection." The artists retrospective of the works of the American graffitist. Haring came to fame in the late 1970s with his drewings in the rew fork subways. his pictorial language includes recurrent images such as thring saucers, bark-ing dogs and radiating babies which mingle with universal symbols and featured in this exhibition are pro-neers in exploring new materials, concepts, and techniques; their work that have attected contemporary art over the past four decades. New Orleans

Museum of Art, tel: (504) 488-2631, closed Mondays. To March 12: "Monet: Late Paintings of Gi-verny from the Musee Marmottan." Teatro Comunale, tel: (51) 529-999. Verdi's "Macbeth." Directed by Paintings of Monet's gardens et Gi-verny from the last decades of the Gary Bertmi, conducted by Luca Ronconi, with Paolo Gavanelli, Deborah Voigt, Keith Olsen, and Ildebrando D'Arcangelo, Jan. 28 and 30, Feb. 2, 5, 7, 10 and 12. New York

The Brooklyn Museum, tel: (718) 636-5000, elosed Mondays and Tuesdays. To April 2: "Thomas Cole: Landscape into History." Features more than 75 paintings from Cole two important allegorical series "The Course of Empire" end "The Voyeage of Ital" together for the first time since 1848.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1el: (212) 570-3791, closed Mondays. To March 19: 'The French Renaissance in Prints From the Bibliothèque Nationale de France." More then 120 works on peper document the artistic development, audiences and produc-tion of etchings, engravings and woodcuts in the 16th century.

The Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesdays. To April 11: "Jacob Lawrence: The Migration Series." All 60 panels of the Migration Series, which have been divided between the Museum of Modern Art and The Phillips Col-lection in Washington, since its split purchase in 1942, are being shown together for the first time since 1972.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, tel: (415) 357-4000, closed Mondays. In its new downtown facilities designed by Swiss architect Mario Botta, the Mu-seum of Modern Art has a new per-manent exhibition entitled "From Matisse to Diebenkom: Works from the Permanent Collection of Painting and Sculpture." Features approximately 250 works that serve to give e historical overview of painting and sculpture from 1900 to 1980. Washington National Museum of American His-

tory, tel: (202) 357-2700, open daily. To mid-March: "Women in Action: Rebels and Reformers, 1920-1980." This exhibition commemorates the 75th anniversary of women's right to vote, while exploring the political activism of some of the outstanding women of the movement. It tocuses to women of the movement is tocused to women's religious table of organizations on women's political style of organizing at the grassroots level as a means of overcoming their exclusion from the formal political process.

## Spending an Evening in Provence

#### By Patricia Wells

ARIS - The French bistro of the '90s bas secured its place in mod-ern history, as casual dining, value and a cuisine with a Provençal-Italian accent take center stage. The best example of the trend is Bastide Odéon, a five-month-old family restaurant just steps from the Place de l'Odéon.

While the plain, low-budget decor simple attempt to camouflage an old, worn-out dining room — does little to inspire, neither does it get in the way of pleasurable dining. And of that you're all but assured under the able hands of Laurence and Gilles Ajudos; Gilles, the chef, has worked with both Michel Rostang and Jacques Maximin.

The formule menu follows the current French vogue, with e two-course 135-franc (\$25) menu at lunch, and e three-

course 175-frane one et dinner. While one may think that some of chef Ajuelos's combinations would shock the palate, they're obviously well thought out for they go down very easily. I was in the mood for fresh sardines but wasn't sure I'd like goat cheese alongside. Wrong His combination of sparkling fresh sardines, marinated ever so lightly in an ecid-oil base and paired with dollops of delicate, fresh goat cheese, proved a refreshing starter.

Equally delicious and equally surpris-ing was his mold of baked, caramelized endive tossed with a touch of goat cheese — a warm, cozy first course that exempli-fies a modern chef's treatment of Belgian endive, one of northern Europe's most

successful winter vegetables.

It would be hard to improve upon his simple roast chicken, paired with earthy charlotte potatoes and perfectly roasted cloves of garlle in their skins. With its gorgeous golden skin, the chicken was moist, tender and flavorful and an ideal match for the garlic, cooked to perfection — neither undercooked and indigestible. nor burnt and bitter, as is so often the case.

The menu shows that the Ajueloses are in touch with the modern diner, who wants pasta available at every possible moment. One can choose from a quartet of pastas. substituting them for either the first or main course. The penne with articbokes and Niçoise olives was a bit oo the timid side, but satisfying nonetheless, with pasta bathed in a light tomato sauce and a shaving of Parmesan, which melted into a soothing cloud etop the coodles.

Desserts are equally successful, with pears poached in cassis and topped with a dollop of whipped mascarpone cream; and a pairing of e giant sable cookie, soft moist quince and an apple-cinnamon sauce.

Worthy southern French winemakers are well represented on the brief wine list, which includes Alain Graillot's white Hermitage at 148 francs; Domaine du Mas Blanc rouge from Collioure at 126 francs and a seldom-seen Coteaux du Tricastan from Ludovie Cornillon, who produces a meaty 1992 red, a bargain at 88 francs.

A far less successful journey to Provence can be had via the route of Le Sud, another new restaurant that presumes we'd all rather be wandering through fields of lavender. With a flasby, ebullient decor that would make even van Gogh don sunglasses, Le Sud looks more like a stage set for a Pagnol movie than a restaurant. The elements are right — live olive trees, beautiful multi-toned tiles, colorful Provençal furniture, linens and tableware - but the result is overpowering.

HE food is mediocre. There's a formulaie look and taste to it all, with that rigid. "I just came out of the fridge" flavor. The young and chic crowd seems to love it, from the strange combination of warm ratatouille paired with cold red and green vinegary peppers, to the successful lamb daube, and on to fresb cod that did not taste as though it had been cooked to order, topped with tapenade and paired with fries" fashioned of zucchini and eggplant. The wine list is minimal, with a decent red Costières du Gard, Domaine Cassagen Tessier 1993, at 110 francs.

Bastide Odéon, 7 Rue Corneille, Paris 6; tel: 43.26.03.65. Closed Saturday hunch and Sunday. Credit card: Visa. 135-franc menu

at lunch, 175 francs at dinner.

Le Sud, 91 Boulevard Gouvion-SaintCyr, Paris 17; tel: 45.74.02.77. Closed Sunday. Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard, Visa. A la carie, 180 to 200 francs, including service but not wine.

# Plunging Into Cacophony of Cairo

#### By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

AIRO - Cairo, a dusty, throb-bing metropolis of 14 million people, is the cultural and artistic center of the Middle East, known to many as Um al Dunya - Mother of the World, Its coffeehouses, theaters and Pharaonic sites draw tens of thousands of visitors e year, many of whom go on to Upper Egypt to view the ancient monuments in Luxor and Aswan. This is the best time of the year to visit Cairo, when the city is cool and areas in the south warm.

Attacks by Muslim militants in the last two years have crippled tourism, which is only beginning to recover this season. A government crackdown, which has includ-ed the execution of several militant leaders, has improved security io Cairo. Tourists who visit the Pharaonie sites in Upper Egypt are widely urged to avoid Nile cruises that travel between Cairo and Luxor. The cruises between Luxor and Aswan are, however, considered secure. Bus travel through villages and small towns is another mode of transport that is commonly targeted by militants. One should still fly from Cairo to the southern sites.

To appreciate Cairo one must plunge in, embrace the cacopbony and confusion with the gusto of an explorer. There are hundreds of nooks and crannies to visit. Like New York, Cairo is often at its best late et night. The most famous belly dancers, for example, do not even step on stage until after midnight.

Egyptians are e warm, patient people who, despite overcrowding and poverty, rarely engage in violent crime. One can always get directions or other assistance. And if the city becomes too overwhelming, try renting a boat and watching it

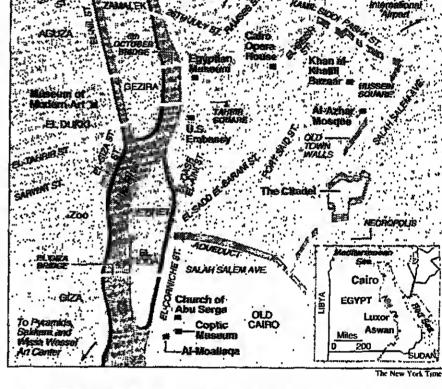
from the tranquillity of the Nile. It is wise to dress conservatively in Cairo, especially with the rise of Islamie fundamentalism. Women should wear long skirts and long sleeves, and men should avoid wearing shorts or tank tops. And nearly everyone from the bellboy to the clerk carrying your bag to the taxi will expect a tip (rarely more than a dollar).

Places in Egypt, Egypt Today and Cairo's Guide, available at newsstands and botel bookshops, list events and places to visit. One of the best guides is "Nagel's Encyclopedia Guide: Egypt."

HE Cairo Symphony Orchestra will feature music by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov at the Cairo Opera House on Jan. 27. The performance will include the "Russian Easter Overture," "Capriccio Espagnol" and "Scheherazade." On Jan. 30, the orchestra will perform "Scheherazade" and Beojamin Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra." Tiekets are about \$1.40 to \$7.50, calculated at a rate of 3.3 Egyptian pounds to \$1. For information, call 342-0603. (The dialing code for Egypt is 20; the city code for Cairo is 2.) Performances begin at 8 P. M. On Jan. 28, 29 and 31 at the opera house, the Cairo Opera Company will perform "La Bo-hème." Tickets \$1.40 to \$7.50.

An exhibition featuring artists from 48 countries - including France, Spain, Ita-, the United States, Argentina and South Africa - will be beld through March 15 et the Center of Art in Zamalek, the corner of 26th of July Street and Masd al Swissri Street, Free. 340-8211.

The Egyptian Museum is the jewel of



Cairo museums. It is on the edge of central Tahrir Square beside the Nile Hilton Hotel. The century-old sandstone building is home to the world's largest collection of Pharaonie artifacts, including the treasures of Tutankhamen. Many of the old, high-vaulted rooms are crammed with objects that are hapbazardly displayed. But renovations, especially in the Tutankhamen wing and in the rooms with the muramies, have begun to thrust the old museum into the modern era.

The entrance fee is \$3 with an additional \$3 fee for a still camera. Video cameras are prohibited, 754-267, 760-390.

Visitors who want to see the pristine beauty of the pyramids of Giza on the outskirts of Cairo should approach them by horseback, especially et dawn. Come up to the pyramids from behind, through the desert, and you can avoid the noise and clutter that surrounds the structures at the city's edge. Take a taxi from Tahrir Square to the stables a mile past the Sphinx (about \$4.50). Contact MG Stable; horses range from thoroughbreds to heggard trail mounts. Call Mohammed Ghunem, the owner, at 385-1241 or 385-3832.

Each night there is a sound-and-light show at the pyramids in six languages. The English show is featured every evening at 6:30 and at 7:30 on Thursday. To confirm the schedule: 385-2880. Entrance fee is about \$5.50.

Just three miles from the pyramids, along the road to Sakkara, is the palmlined Wissa Wassef Art Center, where artists from nearby Harrania village weave colorful, detailed wool and cotton tapestries depicting life in rural Egypt. Wool tapestries, which can be as small as a place mat or as large as a living room wall, are sold for \$15 to \$600, depending on the size and amount of work involved, and pottery for anywhere from \$4 to \$60. Brightly colored batik, also priced according to the size and intricacy of design, costs \$2 to \$90. Free. 385-0403.

The imposing Citadel, begun in the 12th century, was the fortress home of the Mamluk sultan and later the Turkish governors. Muhammad Ali, viceroy for the Ottoman Sultan, invited 470 Mamluks there for a celebration in 1811, locked the gates and had them massacred, breaking the power of the Mamluks in Egypt. Admission about

Egypt's oldest Coptic churches are in the southern district of Old Cairo within the walls of the partly preserved Roman for-tress of Babylon. The Abu Serga (St. Sergius) eburch off Mari Gerges Street, dating from the fourth to fifth century, is where Joseph, Mary and Jesus are popularly believed to have stayed after fleeing Herod's troops for the safety of Egypt. Free. 362-

The earliest known Christian church in Egypt is the nearby al-Moallaga, or "hanging church," founded in the fourth century and dedicated to the Virgin. It sits on the bastions flanking the southwest gate of the fortress of Babylon. It has earned the name because of its precarious perch over open foundations below the structure. Free admission. 363-6305.

A few alleys eway is the Ben Ezra Synagogue, which contains documents of ancient Jewish life such as a Torah on gazelle skin (fifth century B.C.) and e medieval manuscript known as the "Atlas of Moses." Free admission.

O get a taste of Islamic Cairo, visit the al-Azhar, or "most blooming," mosque, in Hussein Square on the edge of the Khan al-Khalili bazaar. Built in 972, it is the world's oldest university and the Islamic world's most prominent theological seminary. Admis-

Belly dancing is as much e part of Egypt as the Nile. Fift Abdou, one of Egypt's best, performs nightly except Wednesday et the Layaleena nightclub, usually around midnight. Make reservations et least one day in advance. The \$35 price also covers kebab, chicken and mezza. Al-Gezirah Sheraton Hotel, Towers and Casino, level 3. South tip of Gezirah island; 341-1333.



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### Russians Move In for the Kill After Lull, Drive on Rebel Capital Hardens

GROZNY, Russia -- As a notional 48-hour cease-lire expired at 8 A.M. Thursday morning, Russian troops moved with new seriousness to try to break the back of a secessionist movement in Chechnya.

They intensified the rocketing and shelling of the tattered, hlasted presidential palace in Grozny, the capital. Shells were landing every few seconds for several hours Thursday afternoon, with huge explosions and fires viaible from a hill near the

burning oil refinery.
Streets that had been almost busy during the often-broken cease-fire were once more nearly empty of traffic.

The Chechen fighters were waiting out the heavy bombardment in basement bunkers as the Russians seemed to be trying to cut off the route to the palace from the south, along Lenin Prospekt. [The Kremlin denied Thurs-

day that control of the Russian Army's general staff would pass to President Boris N. Yeltsin, Reuters reported from Mos-

[A spokesman for Mr. Yelt-sin, Vyachesliv Kostikov, issued a statement dismissing comments by the chairman of the upper house of Parliament, Vladimir Shumeiko, that control of the general staff would be stripped from Defense Min-

ister Pavel S. Grachev. [Mr. Kostikov said the idea was only one of a number of proposals discussed by 10p offi-cials on Wednesday. "No con-crete decisions about military reform, including the general staff, were discussed or made

during the meeting," he said.] Despite or perbaps because of confusion in Moscow over the status of General Grachev. who has been prosecuting this war, the Russian military seemed to act with new urgency to try to take central Grozny. the symbolic prize that might allow Moscow to open negotiations with the Chechens.

On Wednesday, the Chechen ated autonomy rather than the be effective at a later phase in have fled the fighting.

COLOMBO - President

Chandrika Bandaranaike Ku-

maratunga said on Thursday

that a two-week truce between

government forces and Tamil

rebels fighting for indepen-dence was going very well and

She spoke after meeting with

members of two committees be-

ing established in the eastern

part of the country to monitor

could be extended.

independence he swore to die for. But there was no response from Moscow, except for the

shelling.
Thousands of Chechens and hundreds of Russian troops have died as Moseow bas moved to try to assert central control and to maintain the unity of the Russian state. But the monthlong war - Russian troops invaded Dec. 11 - has confounded all expectations, throwing Mr. Yeltsin into a political morass and sbarply dividing both the society and the

In central Grozny, where the impact of shells, mortars and rockets was incessant and the normally gray winter sky was dark with oily smoke, the few people venturing out to look for food and water hurried along, their heads down, as if death might miss them if they kept their faces averted. Some approached Chechen militants to ask for bread. A woman named Lyuha told

them: "It is thanks to you we're still alive. God grant you happi-

--- STEVEN ERLANGER

### GROZNY: Moscow Assails Critics

Continued from Page 1 reflexes working, a return to

well-worn stereotypes of reacting to developments in this country.

Then Mr. Karasin warned: "The partnership which has emerged between Russia and the West in the recent past is now undergoing a kind of test on the touchstone of Chechen developments." The West should ask itself, he added, "whether it is right to so hastily and categorically destroy the accumulated positive experience of interaction with Rus-

Mr. Karasin declined to comment on the State Department's specific charges that Russia had violated the European security organization's accord, which President Boris N. Yeltsin reaffirmed only last month, except to say that such charges would be dealt with constructively through diplomatic channels.

The spokesman said talks next week between Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and Foreign Minister Andrei V, Kozyrev would be devoted to European security issues and that the question of Chechnya might "be touched upon."

He also said that, in Mr. Kozyrev's meeting with an organization representative Wednes-

Sri Lanka Truce Holding, President Says

chaired by Norwegians.

"It is going very well at the moment," she said of the truce,

which began Sunday. "There are no serious problems at all."

continue the cessation for it

the president added.

er than the initial two weeks,"

"I am optimistic that we can

the normalization of the situation," notably in bringing hu-manitarian aid and holding new elections.

The organization, a principal human-rights watchdog during the Cold War, has been eager to send observers to Chechnya and, if Moscow permitted, to play an intermediary role between combatants. But Russia is loath to permit any role for outsiders that might suggest Chechnya is anything hut a domestic matter.

A deputy of Parliament's upper house, citing official sources, said Thursday that 394 Russian troops had been killed and more than 1,000 wounded. Another deputy, returning from his own fact-finding mission to Chechnya, said he was certain the casualty figure was much higher, based on the corpses he had counted in the street. The second deputy, Aivars Lezdin, estimated at least 1,500 Russian troops killed.

The military command itself has refused to disclose casualty ing economies, including most emerging markets, are poised for a year or more of huoyant figures. Estimates of Chechen com-

batant and civilian casualties other international matters, but are even murkier, but the Human Rights Watch/Helsinki report Thursday said Russian troops had shown a "consistent pattern of firing on civilians." The report was based on interleader, Dzhokar Dudayev, day, the Russian foreign views with refugees, Of Chechurged peace talks with Moscow minister had stressed that the and refused to rule out a negoti-security body's efforts "would about 350,000 are estimated to

negotiators in Jaffna.

The two teams will start

### percent amid speculation that

the baht was about to be devalued. The Bank of Thailand dis-

what is known as a systemic

crisis. That is financial short-

hand for a situation where a

liquidity crunch or massive cap-

ital outflows become so severe

that countries or businesses

face the danger of a default in

While there were genuine systemic risks in 1982 and 1987,

today most of the world's lead-

their financial obligations.

missed the rumors. "There is no truth to anything of the kind." said Nopamari Manolechagul, chief spokesman for the Bank of Thailand.

Some panic selling Thursday drove sellers into Thailand's interbank market to convert habt to U.S. dollars, which pushed the interest rate hanks charge each other to 15 percent, from

7.5 percent in the morning. In Hong Kong, interbank rates were joited upward. The Monetary Authority decided to monitoring the truce Friday in pull cash out of the system and Trincomalee and Batticaloa- raise overnight interest rates to Amparai. Four other teams are support a Hong Kong dollar to begin operations in the north battered by capital outflows this weekend, in Jaffna, Man- and rumored speculation nar, Mullaitvu and Vavuniya. against it.

Traders have reported an untruce would be discussed on an and Dutch representatives. usual amount of foreign interest

ASIA: Exchanges Are Defended in the Hong Kong dollar in recent days after rumors of speculators targeting a mechanism linking its value to the United

tional Settlements in Basel.

Switzerland, a series of support

Traders in Santiago shouting orders Thursday as Chile's stock market posted gains.

markets of such major industri-

tially by the Mexican crisis.

States swept the market. Devised in 1983 to bolster a currency facing sustained political uncertainty, the Hong Kong peg sets the value of the local dollar at 7.8 to \$1, with a trading range of roughly one percent in either direction.

Most local hankers and analysts think the peg, which pits Hong Kong's reserves and ability to absorb interest rate rises against any attempt to force the local currency beyond a narrow trading band, is unassailable.

But taking no chances of allowing the local dollar to slide into the "weak" side of its U.S. dollar peg, the Hong Kon Monetary Authority intervened hy withdrawing 5.42 billion Hong Kong dollars (about \$700 million) from the banking sys-

tem on Thursday.
"The Hong Kong dollar opened soft this morning and we found it necessary to push up Hong Kong interhank rates," said Julia Leung, a spokeswoman for the Monetary Authority, which performs panic among international inmany central bank functions for the British colony's financial system.

The move to raise short-term, interbank interest rates and, in turn, the Hong Kong dollar's attractiveness to investors succeeded in halting the Hong Kong dollar's recent slide. The U.S. dollar began the year at 7.7395 Hong Kong dollars. The key Hang Seng index ral-

lied Thursday as investors decided that a savage sell-off centered on worries about a crash in Hong Kong's once high-flying property market had gone too far. It rose 25.30 points to close at 7,418.05.

On Thursday, Hong Kong thinking the attractions of buy-stocks dropped in London, ing their currencies or equites. amid concern that a flight by investors to "safe baven" assets in countries such as Germany and Japan could strand Hong Kong, Bloomberg Business News reported.

MONEY: Mexico Crisis Cools Interest in New Markets economic growth, with few mechanisms and contingency plans were agreed upon to han-dle the Mexican crisis. But the countries even threatened by in-flation in the short term. Equity tone of the Basel meeting was described by central bankers inalized countries as the United

volved as one of concern rather

States, Germany and Japan have not been affected substanthan alarm. The message from fund managers, meanwhile, is that while Central bankers, speaking on condition they not be named, said Thursday that at discus-sions held by the Group of 10 some investors are indeed reacting to the Mexican crisis by withdrawing substantial amounts from developing councentral hank group earlier this week at the Bank for Internatries in Asia and Latin America these sums represent the flow of so-called hot money — funds that are frequently on the move in the world's capital markets and which are the most sensitive to sudden political or economic change. In the case of capital flows this week, these funds have tended to be shifted into such havens as Deutsche

> Some money managers interviewed Thursday characterized the decline in equity prices or the weakening of currencies in several emerging markets as a predictable rather than dramatic side effect of the Mexican liquidity crisis. This ripple effect is actually an example of what is meant when investors

mark and U.S. dollar invest-

speak of globalization. In the future, some investors involved in emerging markets may be more selective in placing funds in rapidly growing economies. The precise amount of investment at stake is hard to calculate, but analysts estimate that more than \$50 hillion has poured into emerging markets around the world over the past couple of years.

Michael Cowan, n fund manager at Morgan Stanley Asset Management in London, said that the impact of the Mexican crisis on emerging markets would probably be less of a vestors and more of a decision "to stay in mature markets such as the United States, Japan and Europe" where growth rates are good, company profits look promising and there is a feeling

that inflation is "really not that But if investors continue to dump their currency and equity holdings in emerging markets over the longer term, the resulting capital shortage could cause interest rates to skyrocket and become a drag on economic

growth. The governments of some emerging market countries, party, formed his own political list and, stunningly, won an election that gave him control conscious that investors are rewere at pains Thursday to offer reassurances. Both Indonesia and Turkey contended in explicit terms that their situations were very different from that of Mexico.

## Paris Politicos Fête Their'95 Fortunes

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS — It must be the longest New Year's celebration anywhere: For 10 days, the political castes in Paris have been anywhere: For 10 days, the pollucal castes in Faris have been trooping to the voeux, annual receptions given by the president, the major cabinet ministers and factional leaders to extend seasonal wishes for France—and their own destinies,

For journalists invited to these once-a-year days, a peculiarly French ritual, it is an opportunity to rub elbows, if not with the boss, at least with top aides. Besides getting a close up look at leaders, there is often a chance to ask a few questions in an era when French officials appear increasingly chary of open news conferences.

Even when short on news, these receptions — usually midday affairs — offer a menu of messages about the incumbered

bents' moods through the fare served to guests.

At Prime Minister Edouard Balladur's reception Tuesday at his Left Bank office known as the Hôtel Matignon, the Pink, White and Gold salons were banked with regal buffets, almost overbearingly sumptuous, supplemented by waiters plying the 400 guests with a celebrated champagne and savory hot finger-food followed by desserts.

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up the lacquered walls. The top layers were so high that they had to be handed down by a member of the American press corps, a former semi-pro basketball player renowned for his reach and other huffet skills.

At least some of his guests saw the prime minister's buffet as an unusually lavish gesture by the normally rather austere man - but who seems to be anticipating a prosperous year. Mr. Bailadur is expected to announce next week that he is

The fare was distinctly thinner gruel the next day at a reception given by the young minister of foreign affairs, Alain Juppe, who while a brilliant and able member of Mr. Balladur's cabinet may be facing a leaner year because he has backed the rival but stumbling presidential bid of Jacques Chirac. The minimalist buffet was described by a hungry journalist as "leftovers," perhaps reflecting Mr. Juppe a sense of diminishing pollucal prospects this year.

If this year's ritual ordeal was spiced by the coming

elections, it also had special poignancy as part of the closing ceremonies for President François Mitterrand's nearly 14 years in office. Of all the week's occasions, the most moving occurred Friday in the French White House - the Elyste Palace.

Mr. Mitterrand, who is 78 and battling cancer, delivered what amounted to a 90-minute monologue - gracefully articulated around questions - about his years in power and the prospect of leaving it now.

The audience of journalists was so tightly packed around the frail, seated leader that waiters simply gave up trying to get through with their trays and handed glasses to people within reach, causing a champagne tsunami among late-arriving journalists stuck on the fringe, Mr. Mitterrand's reflections, showing off his unimpaired

mental elegance, carried a defiant message to his detractors: that he has no regrets after a political career that has generated passionate admiration and hatred in France.

Demonstrating that he has lost none of his relish for sowing dissension in the ranks of his political adversaries, Mr. Mitterrand displayed unusual interest in Mr. Chirac, his longrunning political rival, at another of the New Year's receptions for officials. Mr. Chirac confided to his aides that he took the presidential attention as encouragement to stay in the presidential race even though polls show him falling further behind Mr. Balladur.

The episode was duly noted by French media. Indeed, press coverage has gradually invaded these occasions, presumably a relic of court ceremonies between monarchs and prominent

Mr. Mitterrand accelerated the change when he adopted the habit of sitting in one of the Elysée's ivory-colored rooms - Madame de Pompadour's boudoir when she owned the palace - for an off-the-record conversation with selected journalists. Gradually, the discussions became public, and nowadays every utterance is recorded.

ISRAEL: New Focus on 'Good Life'

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recent months has come to sym-

bolize much of this change,

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John F. Kennedy's famous dic-

"They are interested in the good life," he said. "They are

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### GATES: The Billionaire Cyberwhiz Builds His Xanadu

Continued from Page 1 home, living nearby. He turns

40 this year, newly married and five years into the construction of the place known bere as San Simeon North. The completion date was

moved back following the hirpublicly about reports of tension among them, a result of hundreds of changes, hig and small, in the plan. But the plans on fite inside the Cape Cod-style city hall of Medina population 3,000 - show that the design is moving away from

an all-high-tech interior. The parallels between Chairman Gates and Citizen Hearst seem obvious. William Randolph Hearst was a press lord. controlling an empire of ink and airwaves, who huilt a hillside California monument of marble, porcelain and riches collected from nations far older than the adolescent America of

Mr. Gates is a cyberharon, a Harvard dropout, native of Seattle, who co-founded a compa-

to collect great art for his nooks ing of Thierry Despont as the Mr. Gates has purchased the interior designer. Neither he electronic rights to art from munor the architects will speak seums like the National Gallery in London. become Rembrandts. In almost every room -- and some of the outdoor spaces as

tion and pretension, at least on

ny that owns the operating software on 9 of every 10 personal computers in the world. In a given week, his net worth can fluctuate hy a billion dollars. finstead of traveling the world

and sky-lit reception rooms, With the press of a cordless switch, the bathroom walls will

> words of Stephen Manes and Paul Andrews, authors of "Gates," a recent biography first published by Doubleday. But there the similarities end. Mr. Gates ordered his architects. James Cutler of Bainhridge Island, near Seaule, and Peter Bohlin, of Wilkes Barre. Pennsylvania, to avoid ostenta-

> well — the Gates place will he "a virtual Xanadu," in the

the outside. No showy faux Mediterra-

Mr. Ramon is an unlikely Of course, nothing is guaranteed in political life. Still, Mr. revolutionary. At 44, he is a product of conventional poli-Ramon lands near the top of tics who rose quickly through every list of future contenders the Labor Party and became a

for prime minister. young Parliament member. The two younger men appeal then health minister -- to all to decidedly different types. appearances, a talented hut straitlaced upholder of the ex-Mr. Netanyahu, on the right, focuses more on fsraeh security and holding onto land that Arabs want. Mr. Ramon, on the Yet he has led something left, is ready to give up territory Last spring, he walked out on the Health Ministry and his but has made social issues his main battleground.

Histadrut's 74-year history had

He did more than land a po-

tent job. He made clear that old

political styles were nearly fin-

ished and that the torch was

about to be passed to people

like him, born in 1950, and Ben-

jamin Netanyahu, born in 1949.

Mr. Netanyahu has been the

leader of the opposition Likud

party for the last two years.

Labor lost the reins.

"The society is more individualistic," Mr. Ramon said in his spare office at the Histadrut's sprawling headquarters in Tel Aviv. "They are not looking for the general welfare of the society, and there is less social solidarity between people. They are very demanding."

And the more their country makes peace with the Palestinians and neighboring Arab countries, the easier fsraelis are likely to find it to concentrate nean houses like the turreted half-castle down the road, with on personal interests.

Gabi Shefer, a political scienits palm trees planted in a city that is farther north than Nova ust at the Hebrew University of Scotia. No Dallas-style gold Jerusalem, says that "it does not mean that Israelis have become selfish." The architects, who made their reputations with eco-

"I think that the readiness to volunteer is still substantial."
he said. "But there is a shift in friendly buildings tucked into folds of the land, drew on Asian the readiness of Israelis to put more emphasis on their own growth." When it comes to material

made prodigious use of local stone and umber. matters, the growth is evident. From a rough master plan provided by Mr. Gates, the ar-Per-capita gross domestic product exceeds \$13,000 a year. chitects drew a terraced home, purting Israel ahead of Europeits windows facing the sun and an Union countries such as holding the view of the lake, connected by underground Greece and Portugal, City streets here are awash in new. haltways. When seen from the expensive cars.
The last few years have witwater, it looks like a modernis-

nessed a rapid infusion of American-style consumerism. "It reatly is the ultimate ex-pression of Pacific Northwest architecture," said Paul Schell, from wide-aisle supermarkets to shopping malls. But the boom has dark sides.

dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Wash-It is undermined by inflation. 15 percent and climbing, fed ington, who has toured it twice heavily by a housing shortage that has sent apartment prices "Working for Bill, you design for change," Mr. Bohlin said. soaring by 50 percent in the last four years.

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### Buenos Aires Pegs Confident Stance To the U.S. Dollar

BUENOS AIRES -Mexico's financial crisis jolts markets around Latin America. Argentina has been hit

Although Argentine stocks appear to be rebounding, the financial markets have plummeted in recent days and short-term interest rates have spiraled, sending officials scrambling to allay investor concerns,

Finance Minister Domingo Cavallo has been meeting in New York this week with bankers and investors, trying to convince them that while Argentina's economy closely resembles Mexico's, their fates are not interwined. In an interview here, Mr.

Cavallo said, "In Argentina it is impossible to have the sequence of events that occurred in Mexico last year."
He contended that there

were structural differences between the economic policies of the two countries. He added that Argentina would have no trouble meeting its debt

Unfortunately, Mr. Cavallo said, nervous investors tended

monolith, because many Latin American nations had undertaken similar economic re-

Argentina and Mexico have both opened their economies to foreign investment and have privatized state industries. Both also have huge current-account deficits, which makes them dependent on flows of outside capital.

That explains the reason investors are very nervous hen they hear the words Lalin America after what happened in Mexico," he said. Many think that what bappened in Mexico is destined to be repeated elsewhere, but nothing could be further from the truth when it comes to He said that while the stock

and bond markets had declined, overall investment remained strong and the economy continued to expand. Still, if stocks and bonds continued to be depressed over the long haul, there would be a significant increase in the cost of credit for public projects and private business and this would result in less growth for While Argentina's economy in certain ways resembles Mexico's, Argentina has pursued different policies with different results. But Argentina's markets have been hit hard, and government officials are pressing to resoure investor confidence.

Similar but Different

"Argentina shouldn't bave a crisis like Mexico's," said C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Institute for International Economics in Washington. The current-account deficit is smaller, and the reserves are higher, and the domestic moncy supply is dollar-backed."

While analysts and economists agreed that Argentina was not Mexico, they warned that if Argentina did not regain investor confidence, it faced a daunting choice: See ARGENTINA, Page 10

### Citicorp Profit Rises, Despite **Mexico Ties**

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK - Seeking to quiet Wall Street talk that it would be hurt by Mexico's fi-nancial crisis, Citicorp released glowing fourth-quarter earn-ings ahead of schedule Thurs-day and said its "buyingse in day and said its "business in

Mexico is strong."
The largest U.S. bank reported net income rose by \$1 per-cent, to \$1.04 billion, as a \$180 million venture-capital gain and lower taxes offset trading results that were almost halved from the year-ago period. For the year, net income was a record \$3.4 billion, mainly because of strong consumer business worldwide and a decrease in bad loans.

Noting Wall Street's worries, John S. Reed, Citicorp's chairman, said that Mexico was going through a rough adjustment but that "we have not experienced any important negative impact on our operations and we do not anticipate any serious

problems going forward."
Since Dec. 19, the day before the Mexican peso began its plunge, Citicorp stock has de-clined by 8 percent because clined by 8 percent because about one-quarter of the bank's

ica. Late Thursday, Citicorp stock was down \$1.25 at \$39.125.

Of Citicorp's 500 offices in Latin America, only six are in Mexico, and they concentrate on corporate finance for bluechip multinational clients, which are expected to weather the storm. The bank's retail operations bave been severely lim-ited by the Mexican govern-ment, which bas even insisted on approving its local advertisements, but these limitations may prove a blessing in disguise

If the Mexican crisis is conrained from spreading to the rest of Latin America, it is unlikely to have a major effect on Citicorp, said Diane Glossman. hank analyst at Salomon Brothers Inc., who estimated Citicorp's earnings from Mexico as only 1 percent or 2 percent of its

because Mexico appears head-

U.S. banks are no longer as vulnerable to Latin American financial upheavals as they were when the continent's debt bomb exploded in 1982. According to the Institute for International Finance, a study group based in Washington

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### Stocks Rise After Bank of Mexico Offers to Buy Back Bonds

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MEXICO CITY - Mexican stocks rebounded Thursday after the Mexican government began to repurchase dollar-indexed bonds and the United States made new altempts to help its neighbor out of a financial crisis.

The Bank of Mexico told banks and securities firms it would buy back as much as \$1.5 billion worth of Tesobonos. Rather than pay for the bonds in cash, the central bank will cancel loans owed by banks and brokers. The bank said it would use an exchange rate of 5.75 pesos to the

"This will be just an accounting transaction."

a central bank official said. "No money will

The benchmark Bolsa index rose nearly 5 percent on Thursday, while the peso gained more than 5 percent. The dollar slipped to 5.370 pesos from 5.680 on Wednesday.

Mexico is trying to neutralize the \$11 billion in Tesobonos held by Mexico's banks. An additional \$17 billion of Tesobonos are held by foreigners, especially U.S. mutual funds, which want to clear the Mexican paper from their books to reassure their fundholders.

Stabilizing these funds held by foreigners is seen as the key to resolving the short-term crisis, the dollar in coming days.

and Wall Street banks are trying to a devise way to roll them into some new kind of dollar bond issued by Mexico.

Investment firms said their clients would still probably demand a U.S. or international guarane before they would buy the bonds - even at 12 percent to 15 percent interest. Working out that guarantee is a preoccupation of Mexico. Wall Street, and the U.S. Treasury.

Central bank officials hope that if they can purchase back some of the Tesobonos outstanding, the Mexican currency will strengthen against

nymity, said a number of options were being explored to increase an American rescue package that already totals \$9 billion, but no decision had

One U.S. official said an aid package being drafted by the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board would not include subsidized loans, but would propose increasing the current credit line to between \$25 billion and \$40 billion. The Utited States had been considering providing Mexico with subsidized loans, officials said. (Bloomberg, AP, Knight-Ridder)

### Thinking Ahead /Commentary

### Banks Can't Lock Out the Regulators

By Reginald Dale International Herold Tribune. TASHINGTON — It is one of today's cliches that the nation-state is being overrun by global economic forces. Multinational corporations are losing their national identity as they scour the planet for the cheapest supplies of labor, capital and technology. Trillions of dollars wash through financial markets 24 hours a day, beyond government control. The state seems increasingly powerless

to defend its economic interests - compounding the fears of individual citizens. especially in industrial countries, that they are belpless amid global change. But there is something wrong with this

picture, says a former international banker, Ethan B. Kapstein of Harvard University - at least in one key area, and almost certainly in others, it is not true. In a new book, "Governing the Global Economy," Mr. Kapstein argues that na-

tion-states, led by the United States and its allies, still play a key role in regulating the global economy. In doing so, they are strongly influenced by domestic politics. Mr. Kapstein, who is on assignment at the Organization for Economic Coopera-

tion and Development in Paris, seeks to prove his point by examining the role of governments in international finance, one area where globalization is generally

thought to have gone the furthest.
In fact, the suspicion that banks evade government supervision by operating offshore in such places as the Cayman Islands is largely mistaken, be says.

On the contrary, multinational banks

still depend on governments to grant them access to markets and to create a level playing field for global competition.

With globalization, governments have tried to balance the need for internation-

al rules against their desire for freedom to set the competitive conditions in which their own banks operate, he says. The result has been a two-tier system in which international collaboration is

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conditions.

combined with the principle of home country control, under which states keep responsibility for regulating their national financial institutions.

"Banks are not extranational actors, but highly regulated firms which must identify the piece of territory they call home," he says. Every international bank is ultimately accountable to a single, national regulator.

But what about the notorious Bank of Credit & Commerce International? Did BCCl not operate for years between the

cracks of the system, outmaneuvering one government after another?

Yes it did, Mr. Kapstein says. But once governments finally acted, they quickly closed the bank's global operations, showing that state power ultimately prevails over transnational forces.

In fact, governments have responded to international financial crises - ranging from the collapse of the Bretton Woods system and the need to recycle petrodollars in the 1970s, to the debt crisis of the 1980s and BCCI in the 1990s by tightening supervision and control. first at bome and then through broader

international agreements. A similar process may now be starting to bring trade in financial derivatives under closer supervision, Mr. Kapstein says. The pattern extends well beyond finance. Comparable systems of two-tier home country and international control are found, for instance, in regulating oil tankers and telecommunications.

In all these cases, governments look to each other rather than to a supranational organization to enforce the rules - even in the European Union, where collaboration has gone the furthest.
This delicate balance between cooper

ation and competition has proved surprisingly durable, Mr. Kapstein says. But it is not perfect. Weak home states, for instance, should be required to strengthen their controls.

But his main point is that the world economy does not "operate somewhere offshore." It functions within the politi-cal framework provided by nationstates. Which should mean that their citizens have not lost all influence over it.

### Few Advisers See Windfall After U.S.-Japan Finance Pact

By Steven Brull

International Herald Tribune TOKYO - For the past six years, Yuji Kudo, president of Schroder Investment Management (Japan), has been making courtesy calls on Japanese pension fund managers, exchanging bows and name cards and saying "voroshuku," or "please be kind to me."

The visits were brief hecause like other non-Japanese investment advisers, Schroder was barred from managing all but a few drops of the Japanese pool of pension funds worth hundreds of billions of dollars. Now, following the U.S.-Japan accord reached

Tuesday to liberalize the market for financial services. Mr. Kudo hopes his legwork will start to pay some dividends. "We were always hoping the market would open up so we continued to visit potential clients," Mr. Kudo said. "This kind of ceremony is very important in Japan."

Still, while the financial-services accord gives foreign investment advisory companies unrestricted access to \$200 billion in public pension funds and an additional \$130 billion in private pension funds, nobody expects a cascade of cash to flow into foreign managers' bands.

Deep ties between domestic fund managers and clients, extending beyond the personal to the level of corporate lending and cross-sharehold-ing, and the delay until 1997 of a key reform will make domestic pension-fund managers reluctant

to shift assets to foreign managers too quickly.
"There will not be an immediate windfall," said Lawrence Repeta, managing director of Frank Russell Japan Co., an asset management consultancy.

Nevertheless, there is strong interest among some Japanese pension fund managers to entrust assets with foreign managers, who generally have superior track records of performance. That is why the Health and Welfare Ministry, some bureaus of the Finance Ministry and an association of corporate pension funds supported the

The foreign funds that have designed prod-

ucts for the Japanese market will see a significant increase in assets under management, but it will require a lot of persistence and commitment of

resources," Mr. Repeta said.
Peter Wolton, chairman of Schroder Investment, said the value of pension funds in rapidly aging Japan would grow about 10 percent annually through the year 2010. "All the investment advisory companies expect to significantly outperform the growth in the market," he said.

Increased market share for Schroder, Jardine Fleming Securiues, S.G. Warburg & Co., Invesco and others would probably come at the expense of apanese trust banks and insurance companies.

In addition to opening up major portions of Japan's massive pool of pension funds, the ac-cord reached Tuesday will liberalize various practices that have restricted the ability of foreign fund managers to compete.

Foreign investment advisers and trust hanks

will be allowed to sell funds specialized in certain areas, such as slocks or bonds or derivatives. Pension funds are now required to maintain a conservative mix, with at least 50 percent held in assets considered safe, such as yen cash, yen bonds or Japanese convertible bonds. Of the rest, not more than 30 percent can be invested in Japanese equities or overseas assets, and not more than 20 percent in real estate.

The accord also will eliminate accounting rules for corporate pensions that now require them to book losses on unprofitable shares when switching managers. Under the reform, which will not take effect until 1997, losses will have to be booked whether they switch managers or not.

The accord also requires increased disclosure of performance data - a development that is likely to allow the superior track records of

foreign fund managers to come to light.

"Foreigners bave been shackled by the same regulations as domestic managers, and it's difficult to say they're qualitatively better than do-mestic firms," said Jeffrey Hansen, director of consulting at Frank Russell Japan. "But there are clear differences and in an unregulated envi-ronment they'd have an advantage."

### Lira Languishes at New Lows

MILAN - The beleaguered Italian lira stumbled to record lows against the Deutsche mark on Thursday as the weak dollar dragged the fragile currency down, dealers said.

The currency slipped even though a number of Italian banks raised various interest rates on Thursday to follow trends in the money markets. The mark closed in London at 1,064.50 lire on Thursday, up from a previous high of 1,062 in

New York two days ago. The dullar is falling and lira is following it down," one tradthe er said, noting the Italian currency was made especially vul-+411 nerable because of the political crisis that has caused investors

to flee the country.
The lira has fallen steadily

since last month, when Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi re-signed, plunging Italy into its worst political crisis in decades.

On Wednesday, President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro completed a second round of consultations with party leaders aimed at finding a successor and is ex-pected to announce his decision for the next step soon.

"With no government there's no protection for the lira," another trader said. The hanks that announced

rate increases did not touch their official rates, meaning that the prime rate, which is received by the best customers, will stay at 9.375 percent. Bul a variety of other lending rates will be raised by between 0.5 and 1 percentage point, the banks said in Italy's official gazette.

Among the banks raising lending rates are Credito Ita-liano SpA, Banca Nazionale di Lavoro SpA, Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA, and Banca Com-merciale Italiana SpA. A spokesman at Cassa di Risparmio delle Provincie Lomharde SpA said his bank was keeping its rates steady.

Italian money-market rates have been rising recently be-cause of the confused political situation following the resignation of Mr. Berlusconi.

But Andrea Monorchio, the Italian government's chief accountant, was quoted on television saying that "I don't think the increase in active rates can be interpreted as a signal of a

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# Beijing Sounds Tough On Trade

Compiled by Our Staff From Oispatches BEIJING - China said Thursday it was not prepared to make concessions in trade talks with the United States next week.

But China said it hoped the negotiations would be able to avert a trade war. Last month, the United States suspended talks that had gone on for 18 months and started action to impose punitive tariffs on \$2.8 billion worth of Chinese goods.

The sanctions are to go into effect Feb. 4 if the two sides fail to agree. China responded with its own sanctions threat

Negotiators from the two countries are to meet starting Wednesday in Beijing. Several U.S. business executives based in Beijing said they expected a lastminute agreement.

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry suggested that the success of the talks depended entirely on the United States.

"It is most unwise to carry out trade retaliation," he said. But "on matters of principle, the Chinese side will make no concessions."

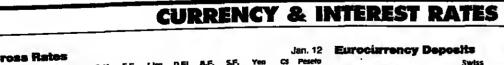
U.S. publishers, film studios, software writers and other copyright owners have calculated that their industries lose \$827 million a year to Chinese pirates.

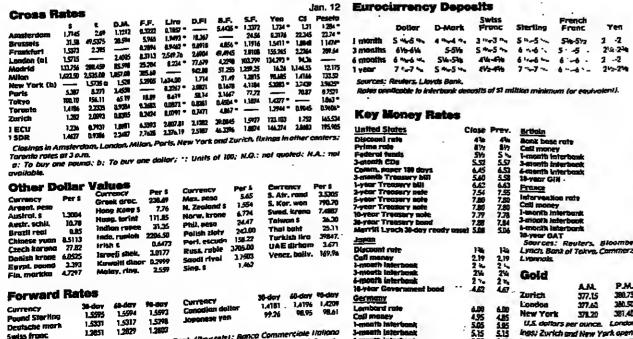
The United States wants China to close down 29 factories in southern China that Washington estimates are producing more than 70 million pirated compact disks, laser video-disks and CD-ROMs annually, mostly for export.

Washington also wants China to lower barriers to American films, music and computer products to remove the demand for pirated products, and to reform its legal procedures to make it easier to seek redress for pirated goods.

China has objected, saying the U.S. demands are excessive and go beyond what the United States itself has done.

(Reuters, AP)





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### MARKET DIARY

### Financial Sector **Undermines Stocks**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Stocks fin-ished mixed on Thursday as a rebound in the linexican stock market was offset by weakness ... U.S. financial issues.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished down 3.03 points at 3,859.00, but advancing issues paced declining issues by an 11-to-10 ratio on the New

York Stock Exchange.
The price of the benchmark
30-year U.S. Treasury bond fell

#### U.S. Stocks 15/32 point to 95 21/32, taking

the yield up to 7.88 percent from 7.84 percent Wednesday. Teléfonos de México's American depositary receipts were the most actively traded U.S. issue, rising 1/2 to 35½ in step with a recovering Mexican stock market. ADRs of Mexican compa-nies were hard-hij by the Mexi-can financial crisis hut bave begun to rebound since Presi-

dent Bill Clinton pledged further U.S. support on Wednesday. However, Citicorp plunged 11/2 to 38% as investors shunned assurances from the bank that the Mexican crisis would not have an impact on its performance. The stock drop came 81 percent jump in fourth-quar-

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bull market in money-center bank stocks has probably ended for this cycle," said Arthur Soter of Morgan Stanley. The Dow

Other financial stocks also fell, with lower-than-expected earnings dragging Federal National Mortgage Association down 4% to 70%.

The instability in Mexico and concerns that other countries also might devalue their currencies lifted gold prices and gold stocks. The price of gold for February delivery on the Commodity Exchange here rose \$4.10 an ounce, to \$381.40. Newmont Mining gained 1 to 36%.

Semiconductor stocks were strong, led by Advanced Micro Devices, which rose 3 to 31%. AMD reached a settlement with Intel on Wednesday that will allow it to sell clone's of Intel's microprocessors.

Compaq Computer rose 11/2 to 42% on strong earnings expecta-tions for the fourth quarter.

But Western Digital fell 23/4 to 161/2 after the company said increased competition held back profit margins, even as net income more than tripled.

In over-the-counter trading. Tech Data fell 4 to 11% after the computer hardware distributor despite the bank's release of an said downtime tied to conversion of its mainframe operating system in the United States would cut into sales growth in eled senument that bank stocks the fourth quarter ending Jan.

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coming increase in the discount

rate. The minimum rate on repurchase agreements, one of the main sources of funds for banks, rose on Thursday to 8.55 percent, its highest rate since

August. lialian banks tend to adjust their prime rates only after the Bank of Italy changes its dis-

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count rate. Many analysts said the central bank was likely to increase the discount rate from the current rate of 7.5 percent within the next few weeks amid concerns that inflation might rise if there is not a strong government in place to make needed cuts in the budget deficit.
(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

### ■ Mexico Haunts Dollar

The dollar tumbled against on Thursday as investors francs from 1.2880 and to

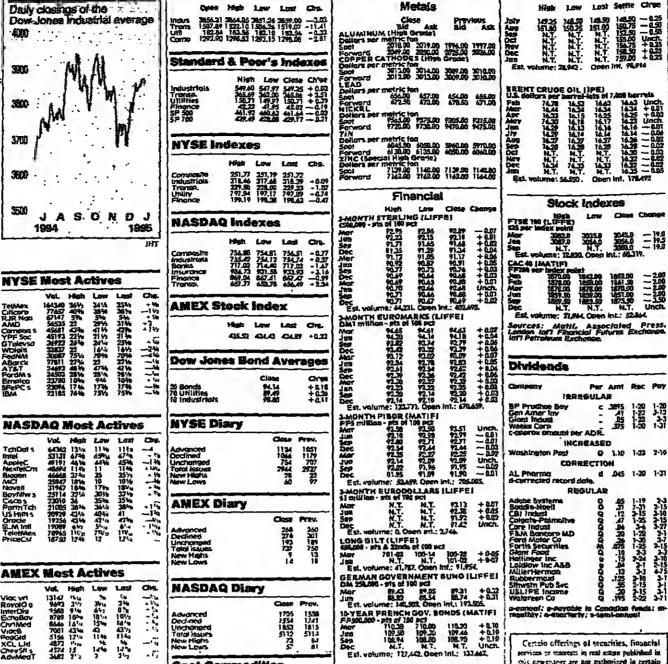
bly the United States, Canada and Italy, Bloomberg Business News reported from New York. Concern that Washington will commit itself to spend more money rescuing Mexico from its financial crisis also weighed on the dollar, traders said. The United States has already edged a \$9 billion credit line

to help Mexico stabilize the

plunging peso. This is a worldwide flight away from anyone with any debt," said Richard Koss, currency sales manager at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in New York. "Investors are wholly unwilling to finance oth-

er people's problems." The dollar fell as low as 1.5278 DM, its lowest level since Nov. 11, before recovering slightly to close at 1.5280 DM. down from 1.5360 DM on Wednesday, and slipped to 98.605 yen from 100.040 yen.

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### Microsoft Cements Links to Internet

NEW YORK (NYT) — The Microsoft Corp. revealed plans Thursday to become one of the largest Internet service providers

in the world.

In remarks that were scheduled to be delivered Thursday night in the world. at a software conference, William H. Gates, chairman of the company, outlined plans to offer full access to the global computer network through the Microsoft Network and the Microsoft

er network through the Microsoft Network and the Microsoft Windows operating system for personal computers.

In order to do this, Microsoft said it had acquired a minority interest in UUNet Technologies Inc. of Falls Church, Virginia, already one of the leading commercial Internet services. UUNet officials said they would undertake a rapid expansion of the network to accommodate what analysts said could be tens of millions of new Windows Internet users. millions of new Windows Internet users.

Microsoft also announced that it had licensed rights to two software products, NCSA Mosaic and Spyglass Enhanced Mosaic, to include in future versions of Windows and other unspecified Microsoft products. The programs allow users to search for and manipulate information in the popular subset of the Internet known as the World Wide Web.

#### Terms were not disclosed for either deal. **AMD Restates Net After Intel Case**

SUNNYVALE, California (Bloomberg) - Advanced Micro Devices Inc. said Thursday it expected to save about \$25 million in outside legal fees because it has settled its disputes with Intel

Corp. out of court. The company also restated fourth-quarter financial results to reflect charges it took to settle with Intel. AMD, the fifth-largest U.S. chip maker, posted a \$58 million pre-tax charge and reduced its fourth-quarter net income by \$35.9 million to \$40.8 million, or 39 cents a share.

AMD and Intel agreed late Wednesday to drop all litigation begun before Jan. I. The companies had been battling over intellectual rights to Intel's microprocessor designs.

### FHP Drops Bid for Health Systems

FOUNTAIN VALLEY. California (Bloomberg) — FHP International Corp. said Thursday it withdrew its \$1.69 billion offer for Health Systems International Inc., a rival California health main-

(enance organization. The move comes just three days after Foundation Health Corp. dropped its bid for Health Systems, which is the parent company of Health Net, California's second-largest HMO.

### Zurich Reinsurance to Buy Rival

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Zurich Reinsurance Centre Holdings Inc. said Thursday it had agreed to acquire Re Capital Corp. of Stamford, Connecticut, for \$18.50 a sbare, a transaction valued at \$208 million.

The move will allow the Zurich Reinsurance to expand its distribution network for reinsurance, which is insurance for insurers. Zurich Reinsurance will assume some of Re Capital's debt.

### Snapple Buyout to Hurt Quaker Net

CHICAGO (AP-DJ) - Quaker Oats Co. said Thursday its

second-quarter earnings would be 20 percent to 25 percent lower than they were a year ago, primarily because of the costs of acquiring Snapple Beverage Corp.

Quaker's \$1.7 billion purchase of Snapple closed last month. The company also said earnings would be held down by rising marketing costs for cereals and Gatorade drinks.

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much slower economic growth

**Market Sales** 

or a currency devaluation. "We do tend to think of Argentina as different from Mexico," said Lawrence Goodman, a Salomon Brothers economist, but he added that the spillover from the Mexican peso crisis had "impaired investor confidence that is absolutely critical for Argentina's continued suc-

"There is clearly a risk here of capital drying up quite dra-matically, which could effectively send the Argentine economy into a period of very slow growth." he said.

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The main distinction between the two countries is Argentina's exchange-rate policy, or convertibility plan. which fixes the peso by law at a 1-to-1 ratio to the U.S. dollar.

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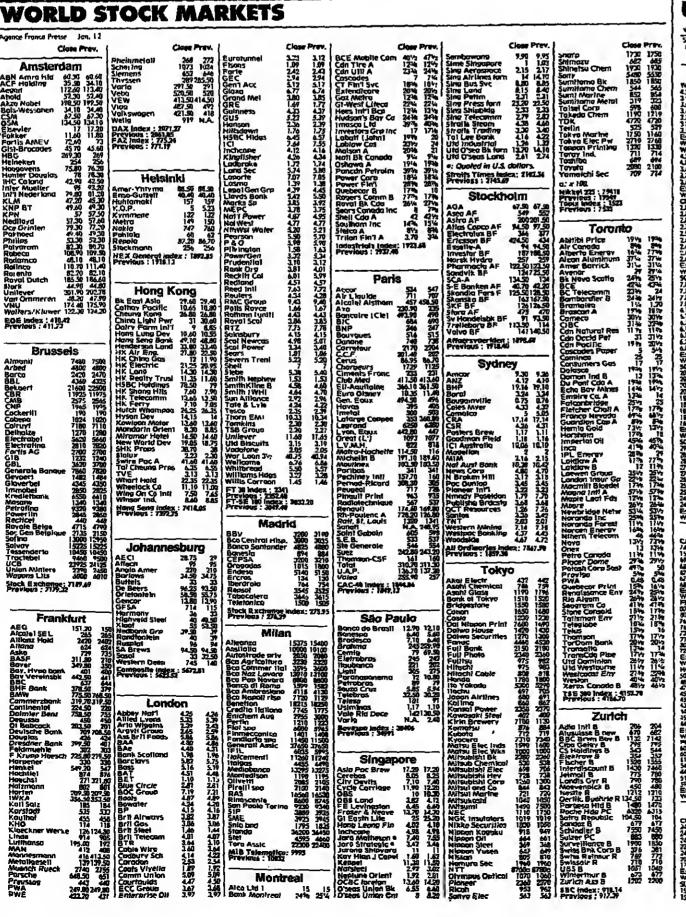
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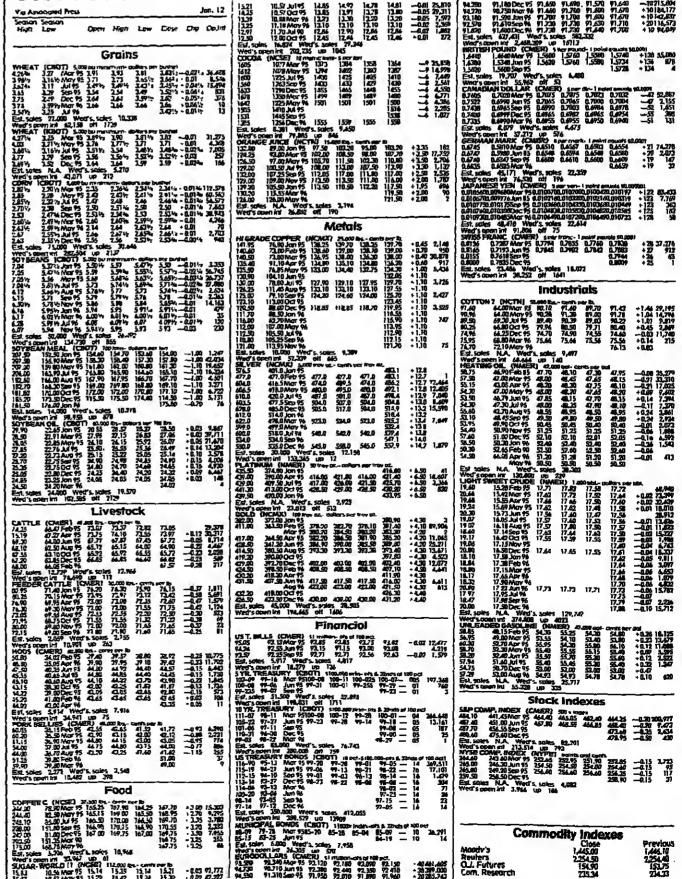
funded by the world's major banks, U.S. banks' outstanding loans to Latin America, which stood at \$230 billion in 1982, now stand at \$136 billion, with \$124 billion turned into 115 \$124 billion turped into U.S. government-guaranteed, bonds known as Brady bonds.

Meanwhile, J. P. Morgan & Co. reported fourth-quarter prepared Profit from its derivacarnings of \$193 million, down tives business was virtually un-

quarter of 1993, mainly because of a \$72 million loss in bond trading, compared with a \$319 million profit a year ago.

Morgan was hit by losses in Brady bonds and worldwide trading in government and corporate securities during a quar-ter when the Federal Reserve Board raised interest rates twice and caught Morgan's traders unfrom \$392 million in the last changed at \$144 million.





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## Xerox to Buy Most of Rank's Stake in Venture

LONDON - Rank Organization PLC said Thursday it would sell 40 percent of its in-terest in Rank Xerox to its partner. Xerox Corp., for £620 million (\$968 million).

Rank Xerox, hased in Marlow, England, makes Xerox of-fice machines and sellsthem in more than 80 countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. After the deal, which is expected to be completed in March, Rank will hold 9 percent of Rank Xerox and Xerox will hold 80 percent. Michael Gifford, the chief executive of Rank, said the sale was part of the company's ef-

### **Bull Reports** First Sales Rise In Five Years

Bloomberg Business News PARIS - Groupe Bull said Thursday its 1994 reveoue iocreased nearly 6 percent, the first rise in five

The state-cootrolled computer company, which France has put up for sale, said revenue for the year rose to 29.9 billion French francs (\$5.6 billion), from 28.25 billion in 1993.

Bull is to report final results for the year after its board meeting on Feb. 17. It said growth in revenue from businesses it has entered recently offset a decline in sales from its "traditional" areas, which include mainframe computers.

The company said it had 27,902 employees at the end of 1994, compared with 31,735 a year earlier.

Industry Minister José Rossi said Wednesday that five companies had expressed an interest in buying stakes of at least 10 percent in Bull. He refused to name the companies. NEC Corp. has said it plans to raise its stake in Bull.

fort to refocus on its core leisure and entertainment businesses.

But shareholders sent Rank's stock down in London amid concern that Xerox's £620 million purchase price did not reflect the true value of the stake. Rank shares fell 20 pence, to

3.gl, despite the company's separate announcement that its pretax profit rose 3.0 percent in the year to October amid stroog performance in its films and television division.

Rank's earnings rose to £284 million in the year from £276.6 million the previous year.

Overall profit was swamped hy a one-time charge of £111.6 million, £62 million of which was related to Rank Xerox and the balance of which was used to close Rank's video distribution business.

In conjunction with trimming its Rank Xerox stake, Rank will buy the publicly traded shares of A. Kershaw & Sons PLC that it does not already own. Kershaw is an 86 percent-owned Rank subsidiary that indirectly owns 20 percent of its financial interest in Rank Xerox

Rank said the oet result of the transaction would result in a gain of £325 million over the book value of the Rank Xerox stake. Rank will use the proceeds of the sale to reduce its net deht and invest in developing its leisure and entertainment businesses, Mr. Gifford said.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP) ■ Mining Helps Lonrho

Lonrho PLC said Thursday it earned a pretax profit of £112 million in the 1994 financial year, down from £165 millioo in the previous year, when results were lifted by one-time gains from spinniog off several units, news agencies reported.

Operating profit rose, helped by strong performance in its mining sector, the company said,

The company, which had a turbulent year that culminated in the ousting of Roland "Tiny" Rowland, who quit as joint chief executive but will stay on as president, said sales from continuing operations rose to £1.96 billion from £1.89 billion.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

### Consumers Crimp German Growth **But Strong Exports Help GDP Turn Around in 1994**

By Brandon Mitchener Insernational Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - German exports and capital goods spending are going strong, but consumer spending remains sluggish and is likely to stay that way because of high unemployment, modest wage gains and higher taxes.

While the German economic locomouve appears on the right track to sustainable growth, various factors point to a modest performance at best, according to economists, husinessmen and govern-

On Thursday, the Federal Statistics Office announced that Western Germany's gross domestic product grew 2.3 percent in 1994 after contracting by 1.7 percent in 1993, while growth in Eastern Germany totaled 8.9 percent, compared

with 5.8 percent a year earlier. Pan-Germao growth was calculated at 2.8 percent after e contraction of 1.1

percent in 1993.
"There is much to suggest that growth has still oot reached its high point," said Hans Günther Merk, president of the statistics office.

But some analysts were skeptical about the outlook. "There's no doubt we bave a recovery, but it's not very dynamic," said Hans-Helmut Kotz, chief economist at Deutsche Girozentrale-Deut-

sche Kommunalbank. "The typical German recovery over the last 40 years has begun with higher exports, followed by higher spending on investment goods and higher corporate earnings that trickled in turn into rising employment, rising wages and rising consumer spending," he said.
"But while the exports are indeed go-

ing strong, it's questionable whether they will have the necessary multiplier effect The main problem, analysts say, is sluggish spending by consumers, which

is hy far the largest single component of domestic demand. Consumer confidence remains low because of relatively high unemployment

Consumer confidence remains low because of high unemployment and rising taxes.

as well as tax increases and other mandatory payments that deprive people of part of their disposable income.

Moreover, the decline in private savings that has helped fund increased consumer spending over the last several years is considered unlikely to continue. The German savings ratio has fallen to around 11 percent from 14 percent in 1990, according to Franz Josef Link, an economist at the German Economic Institute, an industry think tank in Co-

"If we had the 1990 savings rate today.

we'd have 50 hillion Deutsche marks less in consumer spending," he said, adding that the re-introduction this year of the so-called solidarity tax toward German unification in turn would drain about 25 hillion to 30 billion DM (\$16 to \$20 hillion) from disposable incomes.

At the same time, the specters of wagefed inflation, interest-rate increases and the damping effects of fiscal consolidation, convince many observers that the German locomotive still needs a lot of

maintenance. "Germany still has considerable struc-tural problems in fiscal policy, labor relations and industrial competitiveness." Hans Tietmeyer, president of the Deut-

sche Bundesbank, said Wednesday. Singling out wages in a speech to Ger-man craftsmen, he said "wages and taxes in many sectors are clearly too high" and were hampering the competitiveness of German industry. Unemployment, which shows no signs of a quick fix, deprives the economy of valuable hu-

man capital," he added. Günther Thumann, an economist at Salomon Brothers Inc., meanwhile, told Reuters there were signs that consump-

uon was picking up.
"The good oews is that private consumption expanded by almost 1 percent despite low wage growth and a rise in social security and indirect taxes last year," he said. "This is a hint that we shouldn't be too oegative about consumption growth this year. We can now add private consumption growth to exports as factors driving growth."

### Italy Acts To Open Telecoms Market

MILAN — Telsystem SpA said Thursday its data-transmissioo service would begin opcrating by the end of the month. following a landmark ruling hy Italy's Antitrust Anthority that forced the state-owned telephone company to open its network to competitors.

Analysts said the decisioo showed that Giuliano Amato, the oewly appointed presideot of Italy's Antitrust Authority, is committed to enforcing European Union directives.

"Amato is making it pretty clear that he's not just there to warm the seat," Massimo Verducci of Sofipa SIM, said.

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The company complained to the Antitrust Authority when Telecom Italia SpA, the state-

through phone lines.

controlled telecommunications monopoly, refused to supply Telsystem with phone lines to link it to its clients. We were the first company in Italy to offer this service, and

our business simply ground to a halt," said Arturo Artom, managing director at Telsystem.
"We survived by doing consulting work while the Antitrust Authority was investigating."

Telsystem went into business last year, offering a service that as the monopoly telephone-serenabled hranch offices of large vice provider.

companies to communicate with one another by computer

data-transmission services for businesses, or so-called closed user groups, dates from 1990, Mr. Artom. but has oever been made part of Italian law. Telecom Italia refused service to Telsystem's clients because Italian law had not of the EU directive, Telsystem decided to enter the data-trans-

mission business.

The Anlitrust Authority ruled Wednesday that Telecom Italia was ahusing its position An EU directive liberalizing

"Telecom Italia is in favor of liberalization of the market, but not in this haphazard manner. been changed. But on the basis said, "The European Union

a Telecom Italia spokesman says one thing. Italian law says another. If there's a clear law to follow, we'll follow it.'

"Telecom Italia contacted our

clients, trying to dissuade them

from taking our service," said

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 Standa SpA, the Italian supermarket chain controlled by outgoing Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's Fininvest company, said it sold its Euromercato hypermarkets to a consortium led hy Benetton SpA for 971 billion lire (\$600 million).

 Portugal's Finance Ministry has approved the joint hid by Banco Comercial Portugues SA and Império Cia. de Seguros to acquire the entire share capital of Banco Portugues do Atlántico for 300 billion escudos (\$1.9 billion), sources said

Saatchi & Saatchi PLC shares touched a record low of 93.5 pence (\$1.46) hut recovered to close at 97 pence, after British Airways PLC and Mirror Group Newspapers PLC said they were leaving the advertising agency. The stock closed at 107.5 pence on

• Germany's securities oversight agency said it was examining whether VIAG AG breached a new securities law by delaying an announcement of a venture with British Telecommunications PLC.

 Fokker NV said it was offering to cut the price of its aircraft to secure an order from Scandinavian Airlines System in a deal expected to be worth up to 15 hillion kronor (\$2 hillion).

· Bayer AG said it intended to spend \$13 hillion in research and capital investments worldwide by 1997, of which 20 perceot would go to U.S. operations.

• Unilever Group said it would roll out a new detergent in its Omo/Persil range throughout Europe this year to defend its shrinking market share. Resers, AP, Bloomberg, AFP, AFX

### Cost Cuts Aid Austrian Bank

Bloomberg Business News

VIENNA - Creditanstalt-Bankverein said Thurs-day its net profit rose 3 percent last year as it kept a lid on costs and it reduced provisions against bad debts.

Profit at Austria's second-largest bank rose to 1.5 billioo schillings (\$139 million) from 1.46 billion in 1993. The bank said its pro-2.7 billioo schillings from 3.6 billion in 1993.

Operating income, how-ever, fell 20 percent, to 4.3 hillion schillings, because of weak bood prices.

### S&P Wary on Sweden's Non-Krona Debt

in kronor.

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches STOCKHOLM - Standard & Poor's Corp. oo Thursday left Sweden's key bond ratings unchanged, but the credit-rating agency revised its outlook to negative from stable for bor-

economic recovery cause the Wednesday. government to deviate from its fiscal adjustment plan," the

gles with a huge debt burden

agency said. It confirmed its rating of AA-

plus for Swedish deht denominated in foreign currencies and a who talked about a double rating of AAA for Swedish debt downgrade," a dealer said.

Moody's Investors Service Inc., another major rating agen-cy, downgraded Sweden's rating rowing in currencies other than last week for debt in foreign curthe krona as the country strug- rency to Aa3 from Aa2. The krona firmed after the an-

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Standard & Poor's said it expected that the Social Democrat government elected last September would make steady progress in addressing fiscal and labor market imbalances.

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and the Independent Auditor. 2. Approval of the Statement of Net Assets as at September 30, 1994, and the Statement of Operations for the Year ended September 30, 1994.

3. Appropriation of net results. 4. Discharge of the Directors and the Independent Anditoe in respect of the carrying out of their duties ducing the financial year coded September 30, 1994.

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# Keidanren Says **Closed Markets** Imperil Japan

ness leader said Thursday the tial business group, was still country was running up against an "extremely thick wall" in trying to free its economy hut warned that deregulation was government. mevitable to avoid economic decline.

Shoichiro Toyoda, chairman evaluate precisely how mea-of the Japan Federation of Eco-sures are proceeding." he said. nomic Organizations, or Keidanren, and chairman of Toyota Motor Corp., said signs of recovery from Japan's longest postwar recession were misleading.

"We have the sense we've reached the bottom, but due to the aftermath of the financial speculation of the 1980s and the yen's appreciation, we are not yet out of the tunnel," he told the French Chamber of Commerce.

There are several difficulties ahead, including the stagnation of technical innovation, internal problems with corporate competitiveness being eroded by the stronger yen, and coping with the ageing of the population." be said.

decline of the Japanese econo- year low last year. my, and this is the reason why deregulation is mandatory for hunting season for seniors grad-Japan. Deregulation will narrow uating the following March. In the price gaps betwen Japan and foreign countries, boost domestic demand and give an impetus to economic activity."

TOKYO — A Japanese husi-ren, the country's most influen-

"We want a timetable to be set with precise dates to let us IAFX. AFP

### ■ Labor Market Tightens

Nearly 15 percent of Japanese university seniors who wanted to work after graduation this spring have not found jobs because of the recession, an Education Ministry report said Thursday. Agence France-Presse said

The conditions on the labor market for new graduates remain harsh," a ministry official was quoted as saying by the Asahi Shimhun Thursday.

About 127,000 seniors are still seeking work with less than three months to go before graduation. Japan's labor market for senior-"This could even lead to the level students dropped to a 43-

> In Japan, summer is the jobthe past, they had little problem finding work, but the recession has drastically changed the picture in recent years.

### Turbulence Ahead for Qantas Sale People Are 'Loath to Invest' While Market Falls

CANBERRA — The government of Australia is due to sell its remaining 75 percent stake in Qantas Airways Lid. in the first half of this year, but many analysts said the market would have trouble swallowing such a large offering.

The government must sell the state-owned carrier by June 30, the eud of the financial year, or cope with a 2 billion Australian-dollar (\$1.54 billion) hole in the federal budget. That is the price the government is hoping to get for its

A public offering of the world's 10thlargest airline has been postponed twice since the first 25 percent was sold to Brilish Airways PLC in 1992. The delays were hlamed on a worldwide slump in the airline industry, and on the sorry state of Qantas's books.

The government has been scrambling to spruce up the airline's finances and image. It paid off 1.35 billion dollars in Qantas debt, reshuffled its board and management and slammed the door on rival Air New Zealand's entry into the domesuc market.

The airline unveiled a new look last August, with new staff uniforms, redecorated plane interiors and even a couple of jets painted in Aboriginal design.

That may not be enough to attract investors, analysts said, because stocks in Australia and around the world have been performing poorly.
"The outlook of the equity market for

the first balf of 1995 will make it difficult for such a large float to meet with much support," said Glenn Woolley, an executive at ANZ Funds Management.

The benchmark All Ordinaries stock index fell 12 percent in 1994, and it is down almost 3 percent so far this year. "Certainly it would be difficult to sell in this market," said David Spry, an analysi with F.W. Holst & Co. in Mel-bourne. "The general sentiment is not that good at the moment. Quntas should have substantial appeal, but people are loath to invest right now."

Murmurings about a possible crash landing for the sale have not deterred the government, at least not publicly.

"It remains the government's inten-tion to sell Qantas this financial year," a

The government is considering selling up to 45 percent of the airline to foreigners, a sign it thinks overseas investors will be needed.

spokesman for Finance Minister Kim C. Beazley said. "But the government reserves the right to remove Qantas from this year's asset-sales program if sharemarket conditions deteriorate."

Overseas analysts, citing an improvement in the global airline industry, generally were more upbeat than their domestic counterparts concerning the environment for the Qantas sale.

'Qantas is not just dependent on domestic sales but on the world recovery generally," said Zayong Koo, a senior analyst with CS First Boston (Hong Kongl Ltd. "It seems that May will be a good time to sell Qantas.

"In the past four years the airline industry basn't been doing very well, but now we're seeing a recovery in airline stocks and in the airline industry in Asia," Mr. Koo said.

Prior to September 1992, Qantas was exclusively an international airline. In that month, it was merged with Australian Airlines, the state-owned domesuc carrier. Three months later, the government began the airline's privatization. with the sale of a 25 percent stake of the merged airline to British Airways for 655 million dollars.

Under current policy, foreign owner-ship in Qantas will be limited to 35 percent. However, the government is considering increasing that ceiling to 45 percent, a sign to some that it needs wide foreign participation to make the sale a

Investors will not make up their minds about the sale until they see the fine print, analysts in New York said.

The artifude from this part of the world on the part of investors is: When the documents are prepared, we'll be happy to have a look at it," said Peter Graves, who handles Australian stocks

for CS First Boston Group in New York. Qantas posted a profit of 156.1 million dollars in the year to last June 30, reversing a loss of 376.8 million dollars the previous year. Its deht-to-equity ratio, including operations leases, was 74.3 percent, little changed from a year earlier.

While we don't expect to see a similar profit growth in percentage terms this year, we know that to be a successful public company, profits must continue to increase, Gary Pemberton, chief ex-ccutive of Qantas said.

He refused to discuss specifics of the share sale, saying he was prohibited by law from disclosing any information that might go into the prospectus.

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#### Very briefly:

Nestlè SA bought 80 percent of the shares of an Indonesian instant-noodle company, PT Supmi Sakti. Terms were not dis-

• Daimler-Benz AG said it would invest 250 million Deutsche marks (\$163 million) in various projects in Vietnam. Edzard Reuter, Daimler's chairman, is in Vietnam at the invitation of Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet.

• Japan unveiled the first prototype of the FSX, its new fighter aircraft, the product of a \$3.3 billion, seven-year U.S.-Japan project handled mostly by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. and

• Sharp Corp. is to set up a joint venture in China with Waxi Electronics Instrument & Meter Industry Co. to make black-andwhite liquid-crystal displays for the Chinese market. Shin-Etsu Handotai Co. of Japan, the world's top silicon produc-

er, plans to invest \$700 million in a silicon plant and a waferprocessing facility in the United States. South Korea will officially apply for membership in the Organi-

zation for Economic Cooperation and Development next week.

· Australia said its johless rate fell to 8.9 percent in December from 9.3 percent in November; that was the lowest level recorded since February 1991.

### Sapporo Talks to Stroh

TOKYO -- Sapporo Breweries Ltd. said Thursday it was negotiating a possible alliance with Stroh Cos., the privately held U.S. brewer.

"Cheap import beers have become a big thing bere. We're in talks with them because we too would like to import an American-style beer," a Sapporo spokesman said. The Nihon Keizai Shimbun reported Thursday that Sappo-

ro would begin sales of Stroh-supplied beer as early as March. The Sapporo spokesman denied that the negotiations with Stroh had yielded any production or sales agreements.

Foreign beers have been gaining market share in Japan.

largely a result of the yen's appreciation against the dollar and newly competitive forces at the retail level,

"If these companies do start up an alliance, it could indicate the dawning of a new age in the Japanese beer market," said Eizo Uchikura of Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Such an alliance would belp crack Japan's rigid pricing system by clearly dividing the mainstream beer market into premium, regular and discount segments — much like the U.S. market, Mr. Uchikura said.

## A Second Hong Kong Newspaper Folds

HONG KONG - The closure on Thursday of Hong Kong's venerable Overseas Chinese Daily News, the colony's second newspaper to fold in as many months, highlights the problems the territory's newspapers face in a saturated markel as the handover to China

The last edition of the 69year-old newspaper hit the streets on Thursday. Its owners hlamed spiraling costs of staff and paper for its demise.
"The Hong Kong newspaper

market is very saturated and very competitive," said James Miles, a securities analyst with Asia Equities. "Hong Kong's of advertising revenue for the saturated and very competitive," said James Hong Kong's booming property market, long a major source of advertising revenue for the

economic environment isn't Hong Kong media, bave added

papers and three English language newspapers are puba population of about 6 million. Newsstands also carry scores of local, regional and interna-

> readers. Lilian Ma, an analyst with last year while staff costs had also outpaced inflation. Rising

to the financial difficulties of Some 38 daily Chinese news- the Hong Kong media.

"Advertising has probably leveled off," said Rupert lished in Hong Kong, which has Kenna, an investment analyst with Schroders Securities.

Intense competition for both readers and advertisements cotional papers and magazines, incides with a time of great poadding to the competition for litical uncertainty and many journalists say it is making publishers, editors and reporters Sun Hung Kai Securities, said more cautious about their covpaper costs soared 20 percent erage, lending a certain uniformity to many publications.

after Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd., the British trading company, said it regretted it had offended Beijing by reposiuoning operations away from Hong Kong, Reuters reported from Beijing.

"We really look to see whether Jardine will submit to the principle of fair competition when doing business in Hong Kong," said Shen Guofang, a Foreign Ministry spokesman. "And whether what it does will benefit the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong."

Jardine Matheson canceled its listing on the Hong Kong stock exchange at the end of

### Taiwan Car Firm to Export

TAIPEI — China Motor Co. said Thursday that it would be-

come the first Taiwanese carmaker to export its technology when it begins shipping partially assembled vehicles to Turkey September,

"We are glad to export our technology to Turkey, and we hope to conduct similar cooperation with some carmakers in China within this year." a com pany spokesman said.

China Motor will export par-ually assembled versions of its 1,100 cc Verica commercial vebicles to be assembled by Temsa Termomekanik Sanayi Ve Ticaret AS of Turkey.

Initial monthly production is expected to be 100 vehicles, but that figure may increase rapidly, the spokesman said.

Since China Motor introduced the Verica in 1988, it has sold 155,000 units.

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### Sampras Is Dealt A Tough Draw in **Australian Open**

MELBOURNE - Pete Santpras has a potentially tough draw when he begins his de-fense of the Australian Open men's singles title at the National Tennis Center on Monday. For No. 2 seed Andre Agassi, things look a lot easier.

Sampras, the world's top-ranked player, on Thursday was drawn to face Italian baseliner Gianluca Pozzi in his firstround maich. He may face fellow American Jared Palmer in the second round and could meet Magnus Larsson of Sweden in the round of 16, and twoume champion Jim Courier or former Wimbledon titlist Michael Stich of Germany in the quarterfinals.

"I'm sure Pete Sampras is looking through his draw and finding he has a very difficult route to the finals," three-time Australian champion Mats Wilander said. "He's playing very dangerous players.

Agassi, who wilt playing in the first Grand Slam championship of the year for the first time, was drawn to face qualifiers in his opening two matches and is in a weaker bottom half of the draw.

The toughest opponent the U.S. Open champion might face before the quarters could be Australia's Patrick Rafter, in the third set before Chang who beat him in straight sets in an exhibition in Adelaide on Wednesday while Agassi was still jet-lagged and having trouble adjusting to the twilight.

Todd Martin, the No. 8 seed and runner-up to Sampras last year, is seeded to meet Agassi in the quarters.

Boris Becker of Germany, the

By Barbara Lloyd

New York Times Service

SAN DIEGO - Call it weather, or

Even Team Dennis Conner seemed to

call it calamity, but uneasiness has set

the stage here for the start of the first set

the equivalent of a millennium of cup

racing experience compared with its two

relatively neophyte defense rivals. America3 and PACT 95.

"Dennis said the other night that this cup feels a little like 1980." said Tom

Whidden, the tactician who has sailed

with Conner in five America's Cup com-

petitions. "We don't feel quite as pre-

pared as we'd like to be, and the weather

In 1980, Conner sailed the 12-meter

(39-foot) Freedom, a new boat that went

on to successfully defend the America's

Cup. But in the first trial race of that

season. Freedom lost to Courageous, an

of America's Cup defenders trials.

No. 3 seed and winner in Australia in 1991, will play Patrick McEnroe of the United States in his first-round match. He defeated the American in the Australian Open semifinals in 1991.

Two-time champion Stefan Edberg opens against one of Australia's most promising young players, Mark Philippoussis, who was given a wild card into the tournament, while No. 4 seed Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia will face German lefthander Carl-Uwe Steeh.

Paul Kilderry of Australia. a 21-year-old who was given a tate wild card, will play No. 5 seed Michael Chang of the United States.

Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash will face American Alex O'Brien, while Wilander will meet Dutchman Jacco El-

Two-time winner Courier, seeded No. 9, plays David Rikl of the Czech Republic. The draw for the women's singles will be made Friday.

· Michael Chang tallied twice to beat Boris Becker. 4-6. 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), and advance to

the final of the Colonial Classic

tournament at Melbourne. Becker led by a set and 4-2 before Chang recovered to win the second set. The German then served for the match at 6-5 surged back again.

Chang's persistently deep re-turns finally forced Becker into some crucial errors.

Becker served two double faults when he served for the match and also made several errors in the tiebreaker - including missing a simple volley

have a case of the jitters, despite having included the seven foreign challengers,



A group of skiers coming off a mostly bare slope in the Sierra Nevadas where the world championships will be held.

### In Spain, a 'White-Mare' on the Slopes

MADRID - With less than three weeks to go before they start, a shortage of snow in the Sierra Nevada mountains has put the World Alpine Ski Championships in jeopardy.

"It certainly is a nightmare — or should f say a white-mare," said Jeron-imo Paez, general secretary of the local

organizing committee.
About \$1.2 billion in private and public funds has been invested in the ski resort in southern Spain and the surrounding region since Sierra Nevada was awarded the event in 1990.

The resort boasts one of Europe's largest fleets of snow-making cannons, which Paez and skiing's world governing body, FIS, hope will ensure the staging of Spain's biggest sports event since the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Weather Puts a Damper on America's Cup Trials

older boat skippered by the indefatiga-

But there are other factors in motion.

Rain and wind, although far less torren-

tial the last few days than in the rest of

California, robbed the cup teams of pre-

cious practice time on the water. That

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San Diego had its share of fierce weather last week when a tornado

ripped through the PACT 95 compound.

causing severe damage to the team's boat, Young America, and adjoining huildings. PACT asked for extra time to

get ready for the elimination trials as it

Officials at the San Diego Yacht Club

made a concession. They scheduled

Conner's boat, Stars & Stripes 95. in

races against America3, the all-woman

team, for three days straight, and it was

those two boats that were to begin the

defenders trials. But their first race

scurried to repair its 75-foot yacht.

30 to Feb. 12. Unconfirmed reports say FIS will make a final decision Jan. 20 on whether to keep the championships in Spain or move them elsewhere. Two European resorts --- Veysonnaz in Switzerland and Saalbach in Austria - are reportedly offering to take over the

Paez and Gian Franco Kasper, general secretary of FIS, insist there are no plans to move the event.

"I think I'd kill myself first, after all the time and money we've spent." Paez said, still able to joke, "We can hold the event with the artificial snow we produce. It may not be the most beautiful, but it can be done."

Kasper, in Kitzbühel, Austria, for a weekend of men's World Cup races two downhills, a slalom and a combined

PACT 95.

a help as best we can."

scores a boat 7 points.

"We're only as good as how hard we're pushed," she said, referring to

America3's willingness to race without a

break for three days. "We're happy to be

The first round-robin, which ends

into its fourth round in March, a victory

The relative weight in scoring has

catch-can kind of competition. Most

teams concede they won't be using their

"We need to improve by fifteen-hun-

dredths to two-tenths of a knot to win

the America's Cup." said Paul Cayard.

the former skipper for Italy who is now

sailing as a strategist on Conner's boat

best equipment in the early days.

"This game is a long game."

Thursday was called off when high seas America3, said her team agreed to the both in the mouth of the harbor and schedule change given the plight of

Robert Hopkins Jr., vice president of PACT 95. "If they hadn't given us time with the racing format moves into the found to be a format moves in the found to be a format moves in the found to be a format moves in the found to be a format move in the found to be a format move in the found to be a format move in the format move in th

gash and another hole in the port side, turned the first round into a catch-as-

offshore prevented the boats from .

Young America, With the change, is

to sail its first trial race Sunday rather

"We need right up to the first day of

until Sunday, we would, in effect, have

Young America, which had a 7-foot

PACT has estimated as much as

\$650,000 in lost or broken equipment

from the storm: the other cup camps

received only minor damage. But even

for them, weather has become an ogre in

a setting where sunshine is touted as a

Leslie Egnot, a helmswoman for

been doing sea trials during racing."

was to be relaunched Thursday.

than Friday, weather permitting.

reaching the race course.

event — said: "It is either the Sierra Nevada or nothing. It could be a purely artificial snow championship."

"Some resorts bave said they are ready to have the championships," Kasper added. "But FIS has not contacted

Ironically, the lack of snow in southern Spain contrasts with a deluge in the Alps. The men's super-G race in Flachau. Austria. was called off on Tuesday because of heavy snowfalls. And training sessions at Kitzbühel were called off on Wednesday and Thursday.

The latest plans, said Günter Hujara. the FIS race director, were for a double sprint downhill to be run Friday at Kitzbûhel, with a regular downhill on Saturday and the slalom on Sunday, then a super-G on Monday to replace the race from Flachau (AP, Reuters)

# The FIFA Purge

ONDON — The purge at FIFA goes on, with two senior executives of FIFA House in Zurich being removed this week

with such a lack of sentiment that fear of angering "the old man" now paralyses the administration of soccer's governing body.

There is some confusion as to who most wanted Guido Tognoni and Miguel Galan, the director of public relations and press, and the director of competitions, respectively, to be fired. But the name on the dismissal notice is clear: Dr. João Havelange,

FIFA's president was en route home to Rio de Janeiro when Tognoni entered FIFA House and was handed the letter instruct-

Tognoni entered FIFA House and was handed the letter instructing him to clear his desk within the day and leave his keys. "It felters if I was been a seen a leave his keys." It felters if I was been a seen a leave his keys. as if I was being treated like a criminal after II years without doing anything wrong," Tognoni said Thursday from his home in Zurich, But if it is bad for him, it is

worse for Miguel Galan, who has Rob been at FIFA for 20 years. Galan. 47, fled the Chile that was ruled by General Pinochet, and friends in-

sist he was ever the diplomat, never uttering a word out of place.

Tognoni will say no more while he seeks legal recompense. He does, however, refute suggestions that a public chastising of Franz Beckenbauer, president of Bayern Munich, annoyed the German and led to his dismissal. Havelange took umbrage; Beckenbauer assured Tognoni there were no hard feelings.

However, no one disputes that FIFA's general secretary. Sepp Blatter, agreed to sacrifice two of his closest aides, or that Tognoni and Galan had questioned the promotion of the Swiss referee. Michel Zen-Ruffinen, as deputy general secretary with authority over them, insiders say that Tognoni and Galan objected to the promotion in "a robust discussion" with Blatter. The general secretary, when the dismissals were announced, said, "They couldn't accept that I appointed the youngest of the management group as my deputy. It was them or me. I can only work on the basis of trust and confidence."

What confidence has been retained in President Havelange is another matter. Since early last year, when Blatter's name was briefly put forward as a candidate to succeed the Brazilian, now 74, in the 1994 FIFA presidential election, fear and suspicion has undermined the organization. Havelange appeared to blame Tognoni for the press "orchestrating". Blatter's putative hid. Many who are familiar with the president's ego predicted the purge that

began in October and continues.

In THE EVENT, no one dared stand against his desire to ride out a sixth term — in a wheelchair if necessary. Havelange then redrew the FIFA committee lists, axing able and learned members. He does not even bother to deny that he is maneuvering

Ricardo Teixeira, his son-in-law, into a dynastic succession. The opposition just melts away. This week was supposed to have seen a major challenge. Havelange was warned by Sultan Ahmad Shah, president of the Asian Confederation — which has almost a quarter of FIFA's 191 nations — that the leaders of the five continental federations would meet in Riyadh to oppose the recent unconstitutional changes. But no dissent has emerged, at least in public, Havelange.

as is his custom, stayed barely two days as he ambled through the corridors "leading Teixeira by the hand," a source said. Meanwhile, in Zurich, Blatter appears to be becoming ever more isolated, his FIFA friends in high places being shed by the

month, his staff afraid of losing their jobs.
"Nobody opposes Havelange," said one insider on the condi-

#### tion of anonymity, "because ... well because nobody opposes him. Even at 78 he has too much personal power." SIDELINES

Leeds Still Awaiting Yeboah Arrival LEEDS. England (AP) — Ghanaian striker Anthony Yeboah's transfer from Eintracht Frankfurt to Leeds has been held up hy

Leeds had planned to have him in the lineup for Saturday's match against Southampton at Elland Road. But the Department of Employment told the club Thursday to delay Yeboah's arrival from Germany until a work permit has been granted.

### Sprinter Okeke Fails U.S. Drug Test

OSLO (Reuters) — Aham Okeke, one of Europe's top sprinters, tested positive for steroids while training last month at Abilene Christian University in Texas. Norway's Athletics Association announced.

The Nigerian-born Okeke was barred from last year's European championships in Helsinki after failing a drug test, but was cleared of deliberately using a banned substance. If the second U.S. sample tests positive, the IAAF could banned him for life.

### For the Record

work permit problems.

Dennis Erickson, who coached the University of Miami to two national championships and a 63-9 record from 1989 through 1994, has been hired to coach the NFL's Seattle Seahawks. (AP)

Europe, the logical place from which a successor to come, has no credible candidate. Africa has one, Issa Hayatou, but that confederation is not likely to command global support. And Asia? The threat seemed

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very real in December. Asia is the next World Cup money pot, in the year 2002, unless Havelange's friends in Mexico land their third tournament in 30 years. But the very fact that South Korea and Japan are rivals bidding for 2002 makes them vulnerable to division.

FIFA followers conclude that only death will end Havelange's dictatorship. In that event, his friend, the Mexican TV entrepreneur Guillermo Canedo, a mere 74, would take the chair until a meeting that comes every two years.

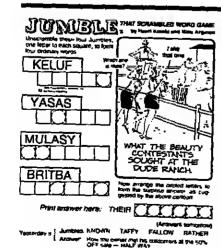
By then, it is assumed, the old man's ghost will have ushered in his son-in-law, unapposed. Rott Hughes a on the stuff of The Times.

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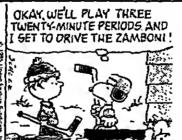


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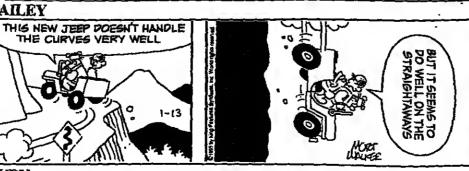
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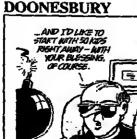
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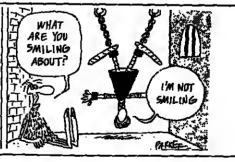




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# On Hard Times

The last time Duke lost its first three Atlantic Coast Conference games was 1981-82, in Mike Krzyzewski's second sea-

son as coach.
The last time the Blue Devils lost three straight games was 1988-89, the second of five straight seasons the man by then known as Coach K. led them to the semifinals of the NCAA tournament.

A 74-64 loss at No. 14 Wake Forest on Wednesday night tied both those streaks, and Krzyzewski wasn't even on the bench to see it.

The last two losses have occurred with Krzyzewski gooe from the bench with a recur-

### **COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS**

rence of the hack problems that led to surgery on Oct. 22. Doctors say a 10-day break from work following the surgery was not enough; they now say he will be out indefinitely until his back is completely healed.

"We've lost a couple of games. We can't feel sorry for ourselves," said the interim head coach. Pete Gaudel. "We have to build from some adversity. Hopefully, we'll be able to

Three losses by almost every school qualifies as adversity. At Duke, where the current ranking of 16th is the lowest since 1987, it's a relie of the days before Krzyzewski turned the Blue Devils into a synonym for

Duke has won the ACC regular-season title three of the last four seasons, and only once in those championship years did his teams lose more than three conference games all season. They have won at least 23 games every season since 1983-84, and won consecutive national titles in 1991 and 1992.

Randolph Childress scored 22 of his 24 points in the second half as Wake Forest (9-1, 2-0 ACC) won its seventh straight overall and its fourth in a row over Duke (9-5, 0-3).

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2 1-27 lead.
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1 thew Jarsey in a 14-0 run that gave Wake Forest a 51-37 lead. Jeff Capel led Duke with 23

No. 2 Connecticut 85, Pittsburgh 76: The visiting Huskies Chertotte (11-0, 4-0 Big East) had to overcome a 25-point deficit to ren Division i sonty unocaten

They trailed by 14-2 barely five minutes into the game and by 40-15 with 4:42 left in the first half. But Ray Allen scored 19 of his 27 points in the second

Jaime Peterson had 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Panthers (4-8, 0-4), who are down to only seven scholarships play-

ers because of injuries. No. 4 North Carolina 86, No. 22 Georgia Tech 75: Jerry Stackhouse had 23 points and Rasheed Wallace 22 as the host Tar Heels (11-1, 2-1 ACC) ended a three-game losing streak to the Yellow Jackets (9-5, 1-2).

No. 5 Arkansas 79, Mississinpi St. 74: Cerliss Williamson had 24 points and Scotty Thurman 17, including the game-winner with 38 seconds left, as the Razorbacks (13-2, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) remained unbeaten in 23 games at

by as many as 19 points in the first half, were led by Marcus Grant's 20 points.

Indiana 89, No. 11 Michigan St. 82: The Hoosiers (10-5, 2-1 Big Ten) won their 50th consecutive home game, the nation's longest current streak, despite a record-setting performance by Michigan State's Shawn Re-

The senior guard set an Assembly Hall record for an opponent with 40 points and tied the conference mark with nine 3-pointers as the Spartans (9-2, 2-l) cut a 21-point second-half deficit to four.

Alan Henderson had 28 points and 10 rebounds to lead Indiana, which didn't have a field goal in the final 7:20. The Hoosiers scored their final 14 points from the free-throw line.

Virginia 61, No. 18 Clemson 37: Cory Alexander got 16 points for the host Cavaliers (9-3, 3-0) while the Tigers (10-1, 1l ACC) scored their fewest points since 1970 and had their second-worst shonting performance ever (12-for-50).

Clemson shot 24 percent and the only time it was worse than that was last year's visit to Charlottesville, when the Tigers shot 23.8 percent in a 52-44 loss. Michigan 83, No. 19 Iowa 82:

Ray Jackson and Junmy King had 21 and 15 points, respectively, and got the deciding basket with 11 seconds left in the second overtime. King hit a cutting Jackson

with a pinpoint pass for a dunk that made it 83-82. The Spar-tans (8-6, 2-1 Big Ten) hadn't led from midway through the second half until then; Iowa (11-4, 1-2) lost it 14th straight in

# \* Duke Has Fallen Most Players Appear to Accept the NHL's Proposal



Vayacheslav Kozlov (left) and Sergei Bautin of the Red Wings at a workout in Detroit.

### More Grumbling Heard From Owners' Ranks

NEW YORK — Although some Natinnal Hockey League players said they are unhappy with the owner's proposal that has been accepted by the union, the majority are expected to approve a contract that will save

the season. "It puts a smile on my face," said the Florida Panthers' goal-tender, John Vanhiesbrouck. "1 think everybody put their passion aside and cooler heads pre-vailed on our side to recommend this agreement."

The players were voting on the proposal by secret ballot Thursday and Friday morning. The NHL commissioner, Gary Bettman, and the union's executive director, Boh Goodenow, have scheduled a news confer-ence Friday in New York to announce the results.

"It feels good; hopefully, we get to do the real joh soon," Temmu Selanne said Wednesday during a last visit this season to his home arena, the Helsinki Ice Hall.

The Winnipeg Jets' 24-year old goal-scoring ace and Jarri Kurri, the Los Angeles Kings' stalwart, said they had believed all along that the NHL season would be salvaged by a agreement. Both have been playing in Finland during the lockont.

Scianne said he thought the long wait was worth it for the players, especially when it came to the exclusion of the so-called salary cap.

"Once in a while, there was frustration when the thing did not seem to be resolved," Selanne told a local newspaper.

There was frustration among the owners, too. Abe Pollin, the

Pollin believed that Bettman, who had spent hours retooling a so-called "final" offer made to the union last Saturday, could not tinker with that plan. Pollin proposed telling the players to take it or leave it.

But, said Peter Pocklington of the Edmonion Oilers, "It was clear we told Gary he could still negotiate the deal."

More ire came from Mike Ilitch, owner of the Detroit Red Wings, and William Wirtz, the Chicago Blackhawks' owner, who were angered by the absence of a salary cap or when to grant unrestricted free agency. "We were in agreement with Abe," said Jim Devellano, the

senior vice president of the Red Wings. "Abe had a right to be that way. He's been an owner

Some league and team execu-tives characterized the uproar as merely a dispute among entrepreneurs with different views, while others said they felt "embarrassed" for the sleep-deprived Bettman, who handled the discontent calmly, letting the dissenters vent their frustrations before moving on.

"It was loud, but I don't know if it was upsetting." Pock-lington said. "I kind of enjoyed it. But for anyone to say that Abe Pollin was the only one who wanted to stop hockey was wrong. There were others."

Tommy Albelin, the Swedish defenseman of the New Jersey Devils, was one of the players who was less than pleased.

"The owners moved inches,

tals, during one of the two and we moved football fields." league conference calls on Tuesday, even challenged Bell-man's authority.

The believe the conference calls on the said, stressing that the deal was most unfair to players 28 and 29 years old and "the young guys who will have to wait 14 years before they can become free agents."

If, as expected, the new six-year agreement is ratified by the players, training camps will then be opened. The first games of the season are expected to begin by the end of next week. Bettman said a shortened, a

48-game season, plus all the playoff rounds, will by played. If so, teams would play only intra-conference games, with the season expected to end on May 6 and the Stanley Cup playoffs ending by July I.

The revised schedule would mean Eastern teams would play only Eastern teams, and Western teams would play only Western teams.

It is expected that teams would play more games within their division than against those teams in the other division of the same conference.

The East has 14 teams, the West 12, so the schedules would be somewhat unbalanced. The seven Atlantic Division teams, for example, would play each other three times at home and three times on the road. That would make 36 games. The 12 other games would be against the seven Northeast teams, one each at home, once on the road.

In terms of travel, the schedule would favor the Eastern Conference because the Western Conference extends from Toronto and Detroit to Dallas in the Southwest to Los Angeles on the West Coast.

(NYT, WP, AP)

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TEMPE, Arizona - The San

the 49ers went through the first of two days of practice at the Arizona Cardinals' training headquarters, but nothing like the incessant rains that drove them out of state for workouts heading into their third straight title game against Dallas.

"It's not a huge distraction." center Bart Oates said. "As a matter of fact, I think it's an advantage because we have 48 hours to concentrate solely on getting ready for the Dallas

Cowboys.' "It really doesn't matter," said receiver Jerry Rice . "We had a frame of mind to do whatever it takes to win the game."

The 49ers were to return home after Thursday's practice and work out Friday on rainsoaked fields at their Santa Clara headquarters. Their coach, George Seifert, first considered moving the

team to Los Angeles, but the storms settled in there, too. A couple guys talked about Las Vegas, but, uh, talk about distractions, that was out, too,"

"Noah's Ark just turned left on Tasman Boulevard." Tight end Brent Jones said that it was "probably better that we've skipped town. I mean, every time you turn on the TV, you won't have to see the Dallas Cowboys guaranteeing their next thing. Nobody cares about

The Cowboys certainly has cornered the markets on guar-antees. First, Irvin promised another Super Bowl trip, and

the game in Arizona."

### Smith Says He Will Play For Cowboys Sunday

IRVING, Texas - Emmitt Smith says he will play Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers, and is willing to take any risk to help the Dallas Cowboys win the NFC title game, even if it means doing more damage to his hamstring.

"I'm not concerned about the field conditions" in soggy San

Arizona desert, finally got in a Francisco, Smith said Wednesday. "I'll be mentally prepared for mostly dry run for this week- anything. I'm just going to wrap my left hamstring tight and be end's NFC championship out there as long as I can be effective." He jogged lightly during practice and said he would turn it loose

Some light sprinkles fell as against the 49ers despite the possibility of making the injury "This is a risk I have to take." Smith said as he stood on a bench

in the middle of the dressing room, electrodes dangling off his hamstring. "I'll risk the damage." He first pulled the hamstring on Nov. 19. After three weeks rest,

he played most of one quarter before leaving after feeling a "twinge" during the 35-9 playoff victory Sunday over the Packers.

"I don't know how close to 100 per cent I'll be, but I'll go as long as I can." he said. "This is mind over matter and it will be a challenge. I just hope I'm a 'running back' out there. The difference between a 'running

back' and a 'back' is a lot. I have to be able to duck and dodge like a running back. If not, I'm out on a limb." Smith said the mud caused by the heavy rains in California

might help him. Ground crews have been working hard trying to dry out the Candlestick Park field.
"In the past, I have run well in poor conditions," he said.

now teammates such as guard Young said. "You've just got to Nate Newton and safety James protect yourself." Washington are promising that the 49ers' quarterback. Steve Young, will take a fall Sunday. A 49er staffer has distributed quotes attributed to Newton, who

scolded the Chicago Bears for not burying Young last Saturday. "I saw that hit Alonzo Spellman put on Young," Newton-said. "Tell him if he's going to take the guy out of bounds, take

him all the way out. Tell Spell-man he didn't follow through. You've got to follow through." That was either a warning, or a threat, but it did nothing to after the 49ers' intricate game plan. It would not be Dailas week, or two weeks into January, without inflammatory comments.

"Everybody's after the quarterback, that's nothing new,"

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Asked if the Cowboys could win without him, Smith replied, The team will have to find a way to win, no matter what." Free agent Blair Thomas will play when Smith can't.

> Certainly, a late bit on Young courtesy of Chicago safety Shaun Gayle, has the Cowboys thinking about a copycat crime. But, asked if Young will now think twice about scrambling, Seifert said: "That's part of Steve's game. I'm not going to tell him, 'I don't want you to run at all this ball game."

This sort of verbal abuse from the Cowboys is nothing new - "That's how Dallas prepares themselves," Seifert said - but neither is Young's scrambling. In the last three games between the teams, Young has darted for 131 yards and three touchdowns, and the Cowboys have not knocked him unconscious yet. (AP, NYT)

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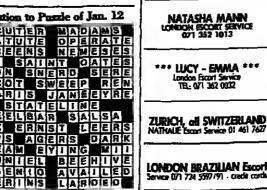
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### Art, Debt, Slumber

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — The instant

people start talking about the deficit my eyelids droop. and off I go in the arms of

The same goes for the late Kenneth Clark's famous 5,000-hour-long documentary, "Civi-lisation," which was a Christmas present. I try hard to watch some every night. It's supposed to be good for you, just as cutting the deficit and eating boring food are supposed to be good for you.

Say this for "Civilisation":

It's better to look at than the typical platter of skin-free chicken, salt-free fish and tastefree broccoli served up in yuppie restaurants. What's more, it

doesn't assume you're a boob.

The deficit people do. They're now telling us the defi-cit can be abolished by amending the Coostitution to say,
"Hereafter the budget must be
eternally balanced." Between
the late Lord Clark and the sounds of these deficit quacks I haven't slept so thoroughly since giving up Scotch whisky.

Intelligent people raved about "Civilisatioo" when it was first shown on public television years ago, and its merits are undeniable as long as it's filling the screen with beautiful pictures of the Western world's most glorious art. No truly intelligent person can possibly sleep his way through it.

And here is El Stupido himself, constantly coming awake, chin on chest, lower jaw drooping, groping for the remote controller to rewind the tape back through Vermeer - how could any human sleep through Vermeer? - and all the way back to Remhrandt. Yes, it was right after the astonishing glories of Rembrandt that coma set in.

But why? f think it's the selfassured quality of Lord Clark's voice that does the trick. He is

ooe of those people who know so much more than you know that envy tries to make you hate him for it, for being so superior to you that he is absolutely in-

sufferable. My theory is that the sleep is a defense against yielding to the basest elements of my oature. I doze to avoid acknowledging

my own vile envy.

Deficit talk is different. Since early ladhood 1 have heard jeremiads about the deficit leading America to destruction. As a door-to-door peddler of slick magazines, I first inhaled this bleak message in Saturday Evening Post editorials of the 1930s.

There has been on change in the music since then. The deficit has grown and grown, politicians have warned and warned, the nation has grown richer and richer. I have heard this old song from my cradie. It oo looger stirs me like "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Now it's just a tired old lullaby.

Politicians of course have always tried to terrify people ahout it, rarely with much success until Ross Perot came along. Now it's the big seller of the month, which is why we have this cynical proposal to constitutionally amend it out of exis-tence. Why cynical? Because it assumes you can fool most of the people some of the time.

The scheme is to amend the Constitution to say, basically, "Deficit budgets, go away." Every mother's statesman son and daughter can vote for it and be an instant people's bero, assured that by the time the amendment takes effect it will he another generation's problem to figure out how to wipe out enough vital government services to fulfill 1995's bookkeeping dream.

If this works, we may oext see the crime problem disposed of with a constitutional amendment ordering it to cease.

New York Times Service

# Gina Lollobrigida Tends the Legend's Image

By Mitchell Owens
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Every man in the room is straightening his rie and squaring his shoulders. Forget the wives, the kids, the plates of steaming linguine. It's a Saturday afternoon on the Upper East Side at Gino Italian. where the sauces are as red as the wallpaper, and Gina Lollobrigida has just walked in, sparking the sort of pandemonium she did in the 1960s,

back when her movies were banned in Burma and her surname wound up in a French dictionary as slang for "a landscape

with a lot of hills." Mario Laviano, an owner of the restaurant, presses Lollobrigida's right hand to his lips, overcome with oostalgia. "I

once waited oo her as a young man." he says, "and believe me: my plates, they shake."

A glass of house red levitates in homage. The siren of the Tiber, draped to the shins in lavender-dyed mink, returns the salute with the same generous, slightly mocking smile that "La Lollo" flasbed io "Frisky," "Beautiful but Dangerous" and "Go Naked in the World."

Baubles like those - movies with high drama and low decolletage were what transformed a young art student from the mountain town of Subiaco into "the original overstuffed Italian movie star," as Bosley Crowther put it in The New York Times.

Of course, it wasn't all cleavage. "I think the best of myself is inside, but you can't control that," Lollobrigida says with an exaggerated shrug. What she can control, at least this afternoon, is the lighting.

"Is better from the front," she says to a photographer. The photographer pleads for a profile. Lollobrigida insists. Gently at first, then firmly. And more firmly again. The lights are moved, front and center.

"The light can give you 20 years more or 20 years less," she explains. "The light is better than a plastic surgeon." This from a woman who looks scarcely older than when she starred

in the 1969 comedy "Buona Sera, Mrs. Campbell." She will, however, be 68

on July 4. "It's O. K." she says. "The age 1 don't mind." Though more than 25 years of typecasting as a sex symbol were frustrating, the complimeots weren't half bad. "Halsman said be never saw such a beautiful body of a woman like me," she says proudly, recalling the French photographer whose pictures of her appeared in Life

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But what about political correctness, the objectification of women. Anita Hill? She raises a boldly penciled eyebrow that reaches the apex of its inky arc somewhere beceath ber cbestnut curls. "Why

should I be offended?" Lollobrigida says. "ft's not an insult." Besides, she adds, thumping the chest that launched a million daydreams, "I am strong, I can take care of myself."

While other symbols of postwar pulchritude have gone into seclusion. hecome anti-vivisectionists or begun hawking designer eyeglasses. Lollobri-gida continues to tend her image with a fully sequined sense of responsibility to the legend.

In Japan, China, Iran and points beyond, she is still mobbed by autograph hounds. A Syrian general has published poems proclaiming ber beauty. Dolce & Gabbana paid homage hy emblazoning her name all over one of its hip fashion collections. And wheo Lollobrigida arrived at the Rizzoli bookshop in New York to sign copies of her new book, a collection of photographs taken by her over 14 years, young men were hanging out the windows of the building next store shouting, "We love you, Gina!"

No one is important "just because people stare at you with their eyes," says Lollobrigida, who nonetheless appreciates the attention. "You can never forget that. Success is something that goes up and goes down. I was hungry. I was rich, the life changed again, and now I'm not rich, but I still have my mind.

She also has an 8-month-old grand-



Lollobrigida and admirers at Gino Italian in New York.

son. Dimitri, whose birth was considered headline news by the Italian press. She still isn't certain whether to be delighted or depressed. "He is so much like my son it is unbelievable, but I no like to be grandmother," sbe says, shaking a fist, her voice rising in mock anguish. It has been decided: the baby will call her Gina.

There is also a potential movie deal in the works, promising a juicy "old prostitute" role like the one that jumpstarted Simone Signoret's sunset years. But she admits that she would rather have a dependable man than a movie.

Lollobrigida was married for 17 years to Milko Skofic, who was a Yugoslav medical student when they were wed in 1949 and later became her manager. They had one son, also named Milko. Then there was a broken engagement to a New York real estate heir, George Kaufman. And she also declined to marry Christiaan Baroard, the pioneering heart surgeon.

She is proud that she has never stopped working: European movies, "The Love Boat," guest spots on "Falcon Crest." She has recently taken up

sculpture. (One piece was the official Italian entry at the Seville World Expo in 1992). She also spends hours in the darkroom on ber photograpby and has turned out five books since 1973. "I may not be Cartier-Bresson, but 1 can do something good."
And wherever she goes, fame keeps

calling.
"Oh, I forgot the pictures," she
moans as two waiters and a husboy approach, pens in hand. The 8-by-10 essies that she brought all the way from Rome have been left behind at a friend's apartment on the Upper East Side. "I always carry pictures in my purse, because they are helpful," she continues.

Oh, well. They hand her three blank dinner checks, and she signs those

And at the end of the afternoon, as she nestles amid a bank of graying men at the bar and the photographer closes in, La Lollo reminds everyone what being a star is all about. "Don't look at the cameral" she says with an earthy chuckle. "Look at me! It's much better to look at me."

### PEOPLE

The Oscars: Early Night For David Letterman?

And the No. 1 reason for watching the Oscars this year is: David Letterman. The talk-show host has agreed to emcee the 67th annual Academy Awards on March 27. "We're changing the format this year. The whole show will be 40 minutes long. and we'll be giving away cars!"
Letterman quipped. Last year
the host was Whoopi Goldberg,
who can't return because she will be working on a film.

Michael Jackson has ordered his lawyers to sue newspapers, TV shows and anyone else spreading "vicious lies and rumors" claiming there was a videotaped sexual encounter between him and a 13-year-old boy. The Sun and Today newspapers in London carried reports last weekend about the purported video, and it was picked up by several American TV shows. "Enough is enough!" Jackson said in a statement.

Prince Paul, 27, son of the deposed King Constantine of Greece, will marry Marie-Chantal Miller, 26, the daughter of a British retail executive, in London in July.

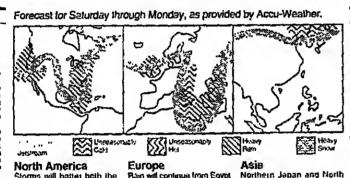
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The British novelist Martin Amis has clinched a two-book deal worth an estimated £500,000 (\$780,000) after hiring an American literary agent known as "The Jackal." After weeks of haggling, Amis hired Andrew Wylie and switched publishers, to HarperCollins, from Jonathan Cape, for his novel "The Information" and a collection of short stories.

Liverpool University plans to award Arthur C. Clarke, author of "2001: A Space Odyssey," an honorary degree beamed through space — the university will send the degree to Sri Lanka, where Clarke lives, by satel-

### WEATHER



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### **WEEKEND SKI REPORT**

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Saalbach	110 170	Pwdr	Coen	PWC	12 1	Fresh show at all levels
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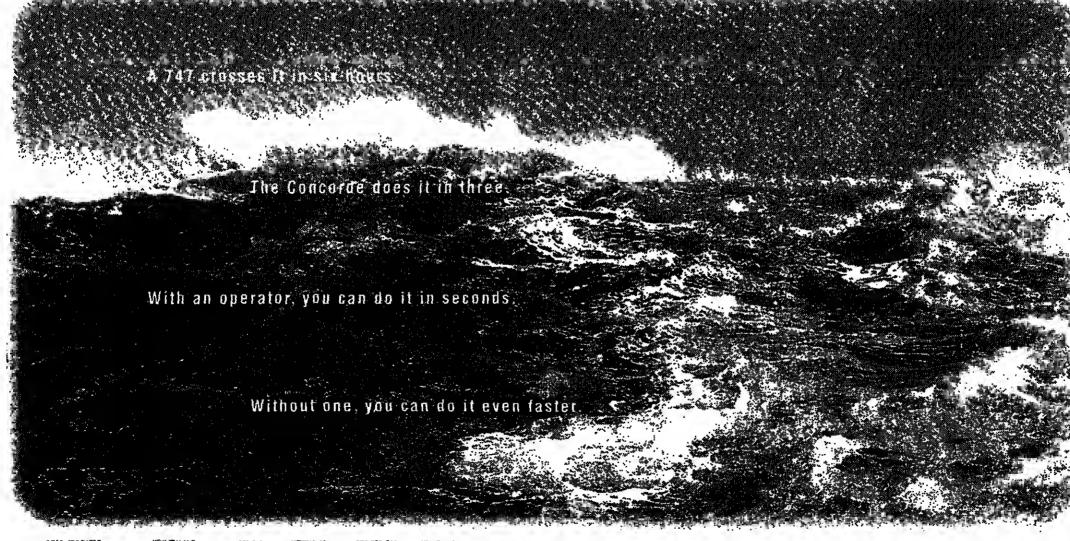
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Chamonix	65 353	Pac	Ccen	Pud	12.1	Massive avalanche lisk
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Ménbel	100 200	<b>~</b> ~d∗	0.20	Pwd	12 1	27:50 ins. avalanche danger
Morzine	50 185	Foods	Open	Pwd	12 1	Great skiing on open runs
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Oberstdorf						Many bits closed by heavy snow

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Italy							
Bormio	30	100	Good	Open	Pwdr	12/1	11/16 lifts open, greatly improved
Cervinia	120	300	Pwdr	Open	Pwdr	12 1	High winds 'snow limiting skiing
Contina	20	30	Good	Open	Poka	11/1	Most litts open, snow needed
Courmayeur	50	150	Pwdr	N/A	Pwdr	12, 1	Avalanche danger heavy snow
Livigno	70	100	Pwde	Open	Pwde	12/1	Heavy snowfalls, outlook excellent
Selva	25	40	Good	Open	Vær	12/1	All lifts and pistes opening soon
Marway Geilo	50	50	Good	Oper	Va	9/1	All 18 lifts open, good skung
Spelin Baqueira	100	130	Good	Open	Var	9/1	All lifts and pistes open
Switzerland							
Arosa	115	120	Pwdr	Open	Pwdf	12/1	Heavy snowtells, powder skung
Crans Montana	150 2	220	Pwdr	Open	Perd	12/1	Avalanche risk increasing
Devos	450	180	Pwdr	Open	Pwd	15.1	Prospects excellent, 3:36 this
"smdehvald	10	100	Pwdr	<b>Open</b>	Pwdr	12/1	1 / 12 kits open due to snowtalls
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Purgatory	135 170	Good	Open	Pwdr	9/1	All 9 lifts open
Steamboot	110 140	Good	Ореп	Var	9.1	All 20 lifts open
Telluride	130 135	Good	Doen	Pwds	9/1	All 10 lifts open
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